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THE PREFACE.

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Royal Society, and was by him tranſcribed for the Uſe of a near Relation of Mr. Aſhmole's, *a private Gentleman in* Staffordſhire, *who has been pleaſed to think they may be aeceptable to the World for their Exactneſs and Singularity. They were collated a few Years ſince by* David Parry, *M. A. of* Jeſus *College in* Oxford, *and Head-Keeper of the ſame Place, who corrected from the original Manuſcript* (a) *ſome few literal Errors. The Character of Mr.* Aſhmole *is ſo well known, and ſo excellently, though conciſely drawn in theſe Papers, as well as in that Article publiſhed under his Name, in the* Supplement *to the learned Mr.* Collier's *Hiſtorical Dictionary, partly extracted from theſe Materials by the juſtly celebrated Mr.* Edward Llwyd, *Superior Bedel of Divinity in the Univerſity of* Oxford, *that no Recommendation of an obſcure Editor can be of any Service, after ſo noted Names:*

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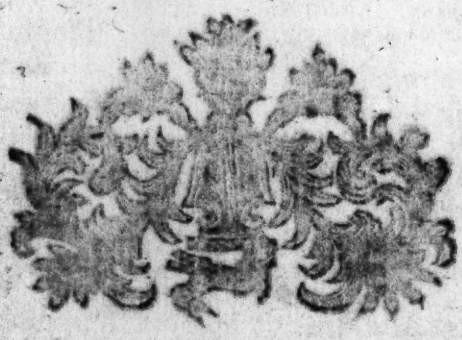

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THE LIFE OF *Elias Aſhmole*, Eſq;

In the Way of DIARY.

Written by Himſelf.

I *ELIAS ASHMOLE*, was the Son and only Child of *Simon Aſhmole* of *Lichfield*, Sadler, eldeſt Son unto Mr. *Tho. Aſhmole* of the ſaid City Sadler, twice chief Bailiff of that Corporation, and of *Anne*, one of the Daughters of *Anthony Bowyer* of the City of *Coventry*, Draper, and *Bridget* his Wife, only Daughter to Mr. ..... *Fitch* of *Auſley* in the County of *Warwick*, Gent.

I was born the 23*d.* of *May* 1617. (and as my dear and good Mother hath often told me) near half an Hour after 3 a Clock in the Morning.

When I rectified my Nativity, *An.* 1647. I found it to be 3 Hours 25 Minutes 49 Seconds A. M. the Quarter ♌ of ♓ aſcending. But upon Mr. *Lilly*'s Rectification thereof, *Anno* 1667, he makes the Quarter 36 aſcending. I was Baptized the 2d of *June* following, at St. *Mary*'s Church in *Litchfield*: My Godfathers were Mr. *Chriſtopher Baxter*, one of the Proctors of the Biſhops Court, and Mr. . . . . *Offey*, Sacriſt of the Cathedral Church.

Before I was carried to Church, it was agreed my Name ſhould be *Thomas* (as was my Grandfather.) But, when the Miniſter had name the Child, my Godfather *Offey* anſwered *Elias*; at which his Partners wondered, and being (at their Return home) asked, why he ſo called me, he could render no Account, but that it came ſuddenly into his Mind, by a more than ordinary impulſe of Spirit, My Godmothers Name was Mrs. *Bridges*.

When I was about a Year old, and ſet by the Fire, I fell into it, and burned the right ſide of my Forehead, it reſting upon the Iron Bar of the Grate (of which a Scar always remained) but my good Mother being near, preſently took me up, and applied ſomething for my Cure.

I had the Small-Pox (yet but few) as alſo the Swine-Pox and the Meaſles, when I was young;

young; but know not the certain time of either.

Being about 8 or 10 Years old (but the Year I cannot remember) my Mother and I were invited to my Cozen *Blackburns* in *Long Parish*; at that time they were Building of a Barn, and I getting up by Ladders to the top thereof, fell down; in which Fall the inside of my Right Knee ſtruck againſt the edge of a great Beam which thereby received a deep triangular Gaſh, of which I lay a long time before it was cured.

James Pagit, Eſq; ſometime Puiſne Baron of the Exchequer, married to his ſecond Wife, *Bridget*, one of my Mothers Siſters, and Widow to ..... *Moyre*, a Confectioner in *London*. He had a Siſter, who firſt was married to Dr. *Maſters* Chancellor of *Litchfield*; and after, to Dr. *Twiſden* his Succeſſor in the ſaid Chancellorſhip.

Thomas Pagit his ſecond Son (the chief Inſtrument of my future Preferments, which I acknowlege with all Gratitude to his Memory) being much beloved of his Aunt *Twiſden*, came often to *Litchfield*, when he was young; whoſe ſtay there, as it occaſioned an Acquaintance with my Mother (Siſter to his Mother in Law) ſo it begat in him an Affection towards me; inſomuch, as having given ſome good Character of me to his Father, he became inclined to have me ſent up to *London*: And becauſe he and his Sons were greatly affected to Muſick, and very well skilled there-

in. He was desirous I should spend part of my Time at the Musick School (having before spent all at the Grammar School) and being competently Grounded therein: I became a Chorister in the Cathedral Church, where I remained till the said Baron sent for me up to his House.

Mr. *Messenger*, and after him Mr. *Toby Henchman* Taught me Latin.

Mr. *Henry Hinde*, Organist of the Cathedral, who dyed the 6th of *August*, 1641, taught me the Virginetts and Organ.

1633. The 2d of *July* I began my Journey from *Litchfield*; my Father and Mother brought me onward to the far end of *Bassit*'s Heath.

The 5th of *July*, about 11 a Clock before Noon, I entred *London*.

16 *July*, the before-mentioned Mrs. *Twisden* dyed of the *Iliaca Passio*, and was buried the 18th following, in *Litchfield* Cathedral, in a Chappel on the Right Hand of the Lord *Bassit*'s Tomb; where was a Monument for Dr. *Masters* and her self, but broken down by the Soldiers in the Parliament War.

4 *Octob.* Mr. *John Person* a Physitian in *Coventry* (who had my Mothers eldest Sister) was buried.

1634. My Father dyed about Eleven a Clock before Noon.

22. Mr. *Simon Martin*'s Letter, which gave me Notice of his Death, bears date, the 22d of *June*.

My

My Father was Born upon a *Whitsunday* in the Morning.

He was bred up by his Father to his Trade; yet when he came to Man's Estate, followed it but little: He more affected War, than his Profession, and spent many of his Years abroad, which drew on him a Course of Expences and Ill-Husbandry. His first Voyage was into *Ireland*, with *Robert* Earl of *Essex*, *Anno* 159. . . Two other Voyages he afterwards made, with his Son, *Robert* Earl of *Essex* into the Palatinate, from whom he received good Respect. He was an honest fair Conditioned Man, and kind to others; yet through ill Husbandry, became a great Enemy to himself and poor Family.

1635. In this Year I was taught on the Harpsichord, by Mr. *Farmelow*, who lay in St. *Michael's* Church-yard in *Cornhill*, and continued learning with him till 31 *Jan.* 1635-6.

11 *July*. I came to live at *Mount-Pleasant*, near *Barnet*, and stayed there the rest of the Summer.

1637. *Aug.* 21. I came to *Smallwood*, to Mr. *Peter Mainwaring's*, to ask his Consent to Marry his Daughter.

Sept. 4. The second time I went to *Smallwood*.

16. I returned to *London*.

1638. *Jan.* 23. I came from Mr. *Justinian Pagitt*.

March 27. I was Married to Mrs. *Elianor Mainwaring*, eldest Daughter to Mr. *Peter Mainwaring*

waring, and *Jane* his Wife, of *Smallwood* in *Com. Ceſt.* Gent. She proved a vertuous good Wife. The Marriage was in St. *Benedict's* Church, near Pauls Wharf, by Mr. *Adams*, Parſon there.

July 16. I and my Wife went towards her Fathers in *Cheſhire*, about Four *poſt Merid.* where we arrived the 22d of *July*.

30. I took Poſſeſſion of my Houſe at *Litchfield*.

Sept. 10. My Uncle *Thomas Aſhmole*, cauſed a Privy Seſſions to be called at *Litchfield*, whereby I had ſome Trouble about my Houſe there: The Bill was found *Ignoramus*.

Octob. 8. I came to *London*.

In *Michaelmas* Term I began to Sollicit in Chancery, and had indifferent good Practice.

December 20. I went from *London* towards *Cheſhire*.

This Term I preferred a Bill in Chancery againſt my Uncle *Thomas Aſhmole*.

1639. *Jan.* 28. I returned from *Smallwood* to *London*.

About the beginning of *March*, *Catherine* Wife to my Brother Mr. *Peter Mainwaring*, and one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Mr. *Newton* of *Pownall* in *Com. Ceſt.* came to full age.

March 5. *Poſt Merid.* my Siſter *Ann Mainwaring*, was brought to bed of her firſt Child.

In Trinity Term (as I think) I became acquainted with Dr. *Thomas Cademan* the Queens Phyſitian: About the beginning of *July*, *Peter Venables*, Baron of *Kinderton* wrote to me, to take

take upon me the Management of his Law Buſineſs.

Aug. 1. I went from *London* towards *Smallwood.*

5. I arrived at *Smallwood.*

Octob. 12. I and my Wife returned towards *London*, beginning our Journey from *Smallwood* this Day.

Octob. 20. I began to keep Houſe, being arriv'd at *London*, this Day.

1640. *Jan.* 11. My Wifes Siſter Mrs. *Mary Mainwaring*, fell ill of an Ague, and having had five Fits;

20. She took her Bed.

Feb. 6. 1 *Poſt Merid.* She dyed, and was buried in the Church of St. *Clements Danes*, near the Entrance into the Chancel. She had a very handſom Funeral, with Eſcotcheons of her Arms, in a Lozenge, pinned upon her Velvet Pall.

18. My Couſin *Philip Mainwaring* (a younger Son of the Houſe of *Keringham*) married *Mary* the Daughter and Coheir of Sir *John Miller* of *Iſlington.*

May 14. Mr. *Driver* Married Mrs. *Miller*, the other Coheir.

April 4. I took Lodgings in St. *Clement's Lane.*

May 19. My Wife was brought to Bed of a Female Child, Still-born, about Noon, which was buried the next Day.

June 9. I was Preſented to the Lord Keeper *Finch*, and on the 12th, Entertained by him upon

upon the Recommendation of my worthy Friend *Dr. Cademan.*

About the beginning of *September*, my Wife fell Ill of a Fever.

Octob. 31. I removed my self to a Chamber in the *Middle-Temple*, in *Elme Court*, lent me by Mr. *Thomas Pagit.*

Decem. 11. *Joan Morgan*, my Maid, dyed of the Small Pox.

1641. *Jan.* 18. I began my Journey from *Smallwood* to *London.*

28. I entred *London.*

Feb, 4. Mr. *Hill* moved me to an Agreement with my Uncle *Thomas Aſhmole.*

Feb. 6. I was admitted of *Clements Inn.*

Feb. 11. I was ſworn an Attorney in the Court of *Common Pleas.*

April 22. *William Clark* came to *London* to be my Servant, he continued with me until 1645.

24. He came to dwell with me.

May, About the Beginning of *May*, my Maid *Elizabeth Coley* fell ſick of the Plague, but eſcaped.

3. I borrowed of my Couſin *Riplingham* 70 *l.* and paid it 29 *June.*

June 21. My Brother *Mainwaring*, received 200 *l.* from Mr. *Simon Ives*, upon a Mortgage of *Smallwood.*

22. I was bound with my Brother, for Performance of Covenants, about the Beginning of *June*: Towards the End of *Trinity Term* I was ſick for 3 or 4 Days.

Aug.

Aug. 11. I went to *Windſor*, upon ſome Buſineſs for Dr. *Cademam*, being the firſt Time I ſaw that Caſtle.

Sept. 20. I and my Wife went towards *Smallwood*.

23. We came to *Litchfield*.

Oct. 12. My Wife quickned.

Oct. 25. I went towards *London*, leaving my Wife behind me; becauſe big with Child.

29. I came to *London*.

30. I came to lodge in my Chamber at *Clements-Inn*.

Decemb. 5. My dear Wife fell ſuddenly ſick about Evening, and died (to my own Grief, and the Grief of all her Friends) ſhe was buried the next Night about Nine of the Clock in *Aſtbury* Church in *Cheſhire*, near the Entrance of the South Ile of that Church, *viz.* the *Weſt* End of that Ile.

Decemb. 14. I went from *London* towards *Cheſhire*.

16. Arriving at *Litchfield*, I firſt heard of my Wife's Death. She was a virtuous, modeſt, careful, and loving Wife, her Affection was exceeding great towards me, as was mine to her, which cauſed us to live ſo happily together. Nor was I leſs beloved and eſteemed both by her Father and Mother, inſomuch as at her Funeral, her Mother ſitting near the Corps, with Tears, profeſſed to the Baron of *Kinderton*'s Lady (who after told it to me) and others preſent, that ſhe knew not whether ſhe loved me or her only Son better.

18. I came to *Smallwood*.

1642. *Jan.* 16. I visited my dear Wife's Grave.

Jan. 18. I came from *Smallwood*.

28. I arrived at *London*.

Feb. 3. Mr. *Justinian Pagit* having proposed to me one of his Clerk's Places in the *Nisi Prius* Office the 10th Day of *December* last; but finding the Terms too hard, I this Day resigned it up.

March 7. I removed my Goods to my Chamber at *Clements-Inn*, and lay there.

Aug. 9. Mr. *Hutchinson* of *Clements-Inn*, and my self, took a Journey, first to see my old School-Master Mr. *Hinchman*, at *Drayton* in *Buckinghamshire*, then to *Oxford*, so into *Hampshire*, and thence to *London*.

29. The Troubles in *London* growing great, I resolved to leave the City and retire into the Country, and this Day I set forward from *London* towards *Cheshire*, to my Father-in-Law's House at *Smallwood*.

Nov. 1643. Sir *Thomas Mainwaring*, Recorder of *Reading*, was Knighted. I married his Widow in 1649.

April 17. I went towards *London* with my Cousin *Mainwaring* of *Carvingsham*.

25. I came to *London*.

May 8. I came from *London*.

17. I arrived at *Smallwood*.

July 2. I went towards *Long Witton* in *Northumberland*.

12. I came first to *Newcastle* with the young Baron of *Kinderton*.

17. I returned into *Cheshire* with the Baron of *Kinderton*'s Lady.

21. We came into *Cheshire*.

The rest of the Summer I spent at *Kinderton*, in assisting Mrs. *Venables*, to get off the Barons Sequestration; but we could not prevail.

Octob. 16. I went a second Journey into the *North*.

21. I returned towards *Cheshire*.

1645. The Beginning of this Year (as also part of the last) was spent at *Oxford* by Mr. *Hill* of *Litchfield*, and my self, in soliciting the Parliament there against Colonel *Ragot*, Governour of *Litchfield*, for opposing the Execution of the King's Commission of Excise (Mr. *Hill* and my self being Commissioners) whereupon *January* 8. a Letter was sent to fetch the Colonel thither.

Feb. 3. Mr. *Hill* returned to *Litchfield*.

Mar. 22. I first became acquainted with Captain *Wharton*, between Eight and Nine in the Morning.

Apr. 17. Captain *Wharton* moved me to be one of the four Gentlemen of the Ordinance in the Garrison of *Oxford*, 11. *ante merid.*

May 9. I was entred a Gentleman of the Ordinance, 9. *ante Merid.*

15. I was affronted by a Soldier at my Battery at *Dover-Peer*, but had Satisfaction.

Sept, 1. I was very much troubled with my Eye for a Week.

14. I chriſtened Mr. *Fox* his Son at *Oxford*, 4 *poſt Meridiem.*

16. Mrs. *Henchman* died, my School-Maſter's Wife.

17. This Afternoon Sir *John Heidon*, Lieutenant of the Ordinance, began to exerciſe my Gunners in *Magdalen* Meadows.

Octob. 8. Mr. *Wharton* was made a Captain of Horſe.

12. I ſaw Mrs. *March* in *Brazen-Noſe* Library, being brought thither by Captain *Swingfield*, 2. *poſt Merid.* This Day Mr. *Merick* made a Motion to me to be a Commiſſioner of the Exciſe at *Worceſter.*

Dec. 8. I was recommended to be Commiſſioner for the Exciſe at *Worceſter*, unknown to me, which when I knew, I accepted, and prepared for my Journey thither.

16, The King cauſed Mr. _____ to be out of the Commiſſion of Exciſe, and mine to be inſerted in his Place.

19. 2. *poſt Merid.* Mr. *Swingfield* and my ſelf received the Commiſſion of Exciſe from the Clerk of the Crown.

21. Sir *John Heydon* gave me a Letter of Recommendation to my Lord *Aſhley* at *Worceſter*, of which this is a Copy.

My LORD,

THIS Bearer, one of the Gentlemen of the Ordinance to the Garriſon of Oxford, *having an Employment in your Lordſhip's Government, by the Parliament here put upon him. Out of his Deſire*

ſire to be made known and ſerviceable to your Lordſhip, hath intreated my Mediation and Atteſtation, to whoſe Perſon, Induſtry, and Merits, during the Time he hath been intereſted in his Majeſty's Service, under my Survey, I can no leſs than recommend him to your Lordſhip's Favour, as an able, diligent and faithful Man, wherein your Lordſhip may be pleaſed to believe,

Your Lordſhips,

Dec. 21. 1645. Moſt Affectionate Servant,

JOHN HEYDON.

Dec. 22 I took my Journey from *Oxford* to *Worceſter*. 10 *Ant. merid.* with Sir *Charles Lucas*.

23. 8 *Ant. Merid.* I arrived at *Worceſter*.

27. 11 *Hor.* 15 Min. *ant. merid.* Mr. *Jordan* Mayor of *Worceſter*, Mr. *Swingfield*, and my ſelf, took the Oath as Commiſſioners of Exciſe in the Town-Hall, and thence went unto the Office, and entered upon the Execution of the Commiſſion. The Commiſſion bears Teſt the 15*th* of *December* preceding,

1646. *Jan.* 1. 8 *Hor. ante merid.* I delivered Sir *John Heydon's* Letter to my Lord *Aſhley*, who promiſed me all Kindneſs, and to fix me in the Train of Artillery in the Garriſon.

3*d.* 3 *Hor. poſt merid.* Mr. *Jordan*, the Mayor of *Worceſter*, Mr. *Francis Grave*, Mr. *John Swingfield*, and my ſelf, the Three Commiſſioners of the Exciſe; being met (at *Worceſter*) Mr. *Gerard* moved to have me Receiver and Regiſter, and

Mr, *Swingfield* to be Comptroler, which was agreed unto.

Jan. 19. I firſt heard of my Mother *Mainwaring*'s Death from Mrs. *Mary Brereton*, my Lord *Brereton*'s Daughter.

March 12. 1 *Hor. poſt merid.* I received my Commiſſion for a Captainſhip in the Lord *Aſhley*'s Regiment.

Apr. 18. A new Commiſſion for rhe Exciſe came to *Worceſter*.

21. Colonel *Baldwin*, Mr. *Swingfield*, and my ſelf, took our Oaths to the ſaid Commiſſion, Eleven *Hor.* 40 Minutes *ante merid.*

27. I was choſen Regiſter to the ſaid Commiſſion One *Hor.* 30 Minutes *poſt merid.*

28. Mr. *Yardley* was ſworn one of our Clerks 3 Hour *poſt merid.* upon my Recommendation. This Mr. *Yardley* was one of the Choir of *Worceſter*; after the Surrender of the Garriſon my Servant ſome Years, and upon the King's Return, made one of the Gentlemen of his Chappel.

May 19. 5 *Hor. poſt merid.* walking in the Fields at *Worceſter*, where ſome were ſhooting at Rovers, an Arrow ſtruck very near me, but I eſcaped Hurt; Thanks be to God.

22. Ten *ante merid.* Sir *Ralph Clare* moved me to take a Command about the Ordnance in the Fort of *Worceſter*.

June 12. I entred upon my Command as Comptroler of the Ordnance.

18. One *Hor.* Ten Minutes *poſt merid.* I received my Commiſſion from Col. *Waſhington*.

July

July 14. *Litchfield-Cloſe* was ſurrendered to the Parliament.

July 24. *Worceſter* was ſurrendered, and thence I rid out of Town according to the Articles, and went to my Father *Mainwaring* in *Cheſhire*.

July 31. Mr. *Richard Harriſon*, Miniſter of *Tetnall* formerly, and afterwards of *Litchfield*, told me of my Mother's Death, and that ſhe died about the 8*th* or 9*th* of *July*, of the Plague not long before, that City being viſited this Summer. She was a diſcreet, ſober, provident Woman, and with great Patience endured many Afflictions. Her Parents had given her exceeding good Breeding, and ſhe was excellent at her Needle; which (my Father being improvident) ſtood her in great ſtead. She was competently read in Divinity, Hiſtory, and Poetry; and was continually inſtilling into my Ears ſuch religious and moral Precepts, as my younger Years were capable of. Nor did ſhe ever fail to correct my Faults, always adding ſharp Reproofs and good Lectures to boot. She was much eſteemed of by Perſons of Note with whom ſhe was acquainted: She lived in much Friendſhip among her Neighbours, and left a good Name behind her. In fine, ſhe was truly religious and virtuous.

Octob. 16. 4 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *poſt merid.* I was made a Free-Maſon at *Warrington* in *Lancaſhire*, with Colonel *Henry Mainwaring* of *Kartcham* in *Cheſhire*; the Names of thoſe that were

then at the Lodge, Mr. *Richard Penket Warden* Mr. *James Collier*, Mr. *Richard Sankey*, *Henry Littler*, *John Ellam*, *Richard Ellam*, and *Hugh Brewer*.

Oct. 25. I left *Cheſhire* and came to *London* about the End of this Month, *viz.* the 30*th* Day 4 *Hor. poſt merid.* About a Fortnight or three Weeks before I came to *London*, Mr. *Jonas Moore* brought and acquainted me with Mr. *William Lilly*; it was on a *Friday* Night, and I think on the 20*th* of *Nov.*

Dec. 3. This Day, at Noon, I firſt became acquainted with Mr. *John Booker*.

22. I was invited by Mrs. *March*, to keep my *Chriſtmas* with her at *Lime-Houſe*, which I did.

23. 4 *Hor.* 30 Minutes I went thither.

1647. *Feb.* 10. A Boyle broke out of my Throat, under my right Ear.

14. The Mathematical Feaſt was at the *White-Hart* in the *Old-Baily*, where I dined.

Mar. 1. I firſt moved the Lady *Mainwaring*, in way of Marriage, and received a fair Anſwer though no Condeſcention,

Apr. 14. I went to Sir *Arthur Mainwaring*'s, with the Lady *Mainwaring*.

May 25. I went towards *Bradfield*.

27. 8 *Hor. ante merid.* Mr. *Humphry Stafford* and I went into *Bradfield* Houſe.

Jun. 12. I went from St. *James*'s to *Engleſield*, to table with *Antipaſs Chervington*, and the next Morning about 8 of the Clock I came to his Houſe.

14.

14. I first became acquainted with *Dr. Wimberley*, Minister of *Englefield*, 3 *Hor. post merid.*

16. One *Hor. post merid.* it pleased God to put me in Mind, that I was now placed in the Condition I always desired, which was, That I might be enabled to live to my self, and Studies; without being forced to take Pains for a Livelihood in the World: And seeing I am thus retired, according to my Heart's Desire, I beseech God to bless me in my Retirement, and to prosper my Studies, that I may faithfully and diligently serve him, and in all Things submit to his Will; and for the Peace and Happiness I enjoy (in the Midst of bad Times) to render him all humble Thanks, and for what I attain to in the course of my Studies, to give him the Glory.

June 25. Eleven *Hor. ante merid.* the Lady *Mainwaring* gave me a Ring enameled with Black, whereon was this Posie: *A true Friend's Gift.*

28. 7 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *post merid.* I fell ill, and Ten *Hor.* 30 Minutes *post merid.* took my Bed. I was pained in my Head, Reins, Thighs, and taking a *Cardus* Poffit at Night, and sweating upon it, I mended.

July 1. This Day I was much pained in my Head and Eyes.

12. I went towards *London.*

23. The Lady *Mainwaring* entred upon her Jointure-Lands.

26. Ten *Hor. ante merid.* I began to be ſick, and 5 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *poſt merid.* I took my Bed, the Diſeaſe happened to be a violent Fever.

30. About 2 *Hor. poſt merid.* (as I was afterwards told) Mr. *Humphry Stafford*, the Lady *Mainwaring*'s ſecond Son (ſuſpecting I ſhould marry his Mother) broke into my Chamber, and had like to have killed me, but *Chriſtopher Smith* withheld him by Force; for which all Perſons exceedingly blamed him, in Regard it was thought I was near Death, and knew no Body. God be bleſſed for this Deliverance.

Aug. 1. I was in the Extremity of my Fever, ſenſleſs and raging.

14. Being ſomewhat mended of my Fever, I this Day got up. About this Time the Lady *Mainwaring* fell into a Fever, and Captain *Wharton* had the Plague.

25. Was the firſt Day I went down Stairs.

31. I was very faint and ill again.

Septemb. 2. I fell ill again, and became light in my Head.

9. I took a Purge which wrought very well, and mended.

28. I went to viſit the Lady *Mainwaring*.

Octob. 26. I fell Sick of a Quartain Ague, at Mr. *Staffords*, having been Invited there to Dinner.

Novem. 11. I went towards *London*, and came thither the next Day by Noon.

25. My Ague left me.

30. The

30. The Lady *Mainwaring* came to Live at her Houſe at *Bradfield*.

Dec. 16. Being much troubled with Phlegm, I took an Opening Drink from Dr. *Wharton*.

1648. *January* 14. I went towards *Bradfield* from *London*.

Feb. 25. I was very Ill as I went to *Theale*.

28. Very Sick in the Afternoon.

March 2. Being at *Pangborne*, I was very Ill there.

12. Captain *Wharton* taken in his Bed Two *Hor. ante Merid.* he was carried to *Newgate* Six *Hor. poſt Merid.*

May 11. I entertained *John Fox* into my Service.

22. The Lady *Mainwaring* Sealed me a Leaſe of the Parks at *Bradfield*, worth —— *per Ann.*

June 6. Having entred upon the Study of Plants, this Day, about Three of the Clock, was the firſt time I went a Simpling, Dr. *Carter* of *Reading*, and Mr. *Watlington* an Apothecary there, accompanying me.

29. The Lady *Mainwaring* Sealed me a Leaſe of the Field Mead, worth 50 *l. per Annum.*

Auguſt 26. Captain *Wharton* made an Eſcape out of *Newgate*.

29. I began my Journey towards *Briſtow*, with Mr. *Hutchinſon*.

31. We came to *Briſtow*.

Sept. 6. We returned to *Bradfield*.

October 23. Going towards *London*, I was robbed in *Maidenhead* Thicket 5 *Hor. poſt Merid.*

Nov. 6. Having several times before, made Application to the Lady *Mainwaring*, in way of Marriage, this Day, Eleven *Hor.* Seven Minutes *ante Merid.* She promised me not to Marry any Man, unless my self.

10. Two *Hor.* Fifteen Minutes *post Merid.* She Sealed a Contract of Marriage to me.

15. I was Sequestred of my Lands in *Berkshire.*

21. The Sequestration was taken off at *Reading.*

Decemb. 5. 1649. The Lady *Mainwaring* was Sequestred by the Committee of *Reading*, upon her Son *Humfrey Stafford*'s Information.

Feb. 14. An Order for Receiving the Lady *Mainwarings* Rents.

April 7. Eleven *Hor.* Thirty Minutes *ante Merid.* I came to Mr. *Wateton*'s House to Table, who was an Apothecary in *Reading*, and a very good Botanist.

25. My Journey to the Physick Garden in *Oxford.*

May 8. I was Godfather to *Elias Turdley* at *Reading.*

June 3. This Afternoon I kissed the Duke of *Glocester* and Lady *Elizabeth*'s Hands, at Sion House.

Aug. 1. The Astrologers Feast at *Painters-Hall*, where I Dined.

Octob. 16. I accompanied the Lady *Mainwaring* to *London.*

31. The Astrologers Feast.

Nov. 16.

Nov. 16. Eight *Hor. ante Merid.* I Married the Lady *Mainwaring*. We were Married in *Silver-Street, London.*

20. I was Arreſted by Mr. *Ives* for my Brother *Mainwaring's* Debt.

21. Captain *Wharton* was re-taken and carried to Priſon.

Decem. 19. I agreed with Mr. *Myne*, for Printing my *Faſciculus Chemicus.*

21. I firſt began to learn to deſect a Body.

1650. *Feb.* 18. I met Mr. *Ives*, and we came to an Agreement.

June 3. Mr. *Lilly* and my Self, went to viſit Dr. *Ardee*, at his Houſe in the Minories.

15. My ſelf, my Wife, and Dr. *Wharton* went to viſit Mr. *John Tredeſcant*, at *South-Lambeth.*

21. I and my Wife went towards *Bradfield.*

22. Ten *Hor.* Thirty Minutes *ante Merid.* we arrived there.

24. Mr. *William Forſter*, and his Lady came to Viſit us.

25. I and Captain *Wharton* went to Viſit him at *Ruſhall.*

26. Nine *Hor.* Forty-two Minutes *poſt Merid.* we Arrived at *London.*

July 2. Six *Hor. poſt Merid.* I was ſerved with a *Subpæna* at Sir *Humfrey Forſter's* Suit.

29. Much Troubled with the Tooth Ach on my Right ſide.

Aug. 8. I being at the Aſtrologers Feaſt, two *Hor. poſt Merid.* I was Choſen Steward for the following Year.

Captain

Captain *Wharton* having been carried to the *Gate-House* the 21ſt of *November* laſt; the next Day after, I went to Mr. *Lilly*, and acquainted him therewith, who profeſſed himſelf very Sorry, becauſe he knew *Bradſhaw* intended to hang him; and moſt generouſly (forgetting the Quarrels that had been between the Captain and him) promiſed me to uſe his Intereſt with Mr. *Bulſtrode Whitlock* (his Patron) to obtain his Releaſe. I thought it was prudent to have my Name then (as the Times ſtood) not to appear in Print, as the Inſtrument that wrought Mr. *Lilly* to do this Kindneſs for him; and therefore in Captain *Wharton*'s Epiſtle to the Reader before his Almanack, in 1651. Wherein his Publick Acknowledgments are made, of Mr. *Lilly*'s Aſſiſtance in this Strait; all Acknowledgments to me are omitted, tho' in Truth, I was the only Perſon that moved and induced, and conſtantly ſollicited Mr. *Lilly* to perfect his Enlargement. Having at all times, ſince my Return to *London*, *Anno* 1646. befriended Captain *Wharton*, not only in diſcovering all Deſigns, that I heard were laid againſt him, either at Mr. *Lilly*'s, or elſewhere; but alſo affording him my Purſe freely and liberally, towards his Support in many Neceſſitous Occaſions. Upon Mr. *Lilly*'s Application to Mr. *Whitlock*, he adviſed, that the Captain ſhould lie quiet, without making the leaſt Complaint, and after *Chriſtmas*, when his being a Priſoner was almoſt forgotten; *Bradſhaw* out of the way, and Mr. *Whitlock* Chairman

man to the Council of State; Mr. *Lilly* having alſo by this time, made ſome other of the ſaid Council, the Captain's Friends (upon his Petition) he was diſcharged, no other Engagement being taken from him, but that he would not thence forward write againſt the Parliament or State. Hereupon he became utterly void of all Subſiſtance (which whilſt he was under Troubles, ſome or other contributed unto, beſides what he got by Writing againſt thoſe Times) and thereupon, conſulting with me, about a new Courſe of Life, and how he might ſubſiſt, I frankly offered him my Houſe at *Bradfield* in *Berks*, for him, his Wife and Family, to live at, with ſome other Advantages there; which he moſt gladly and thankfully accepting, he went thither, and paſt his Time with Quiet and Comfort for the moſt part, till his Majeſty was reſtored to his Crown; and hereupon he ſtiled me in his Almanack for the Year 1653, his *Oaken Friend*.

Aug. 13. I bought of Mr. *Milbourn* all his Books and Mathematical Inſtruments.

14. Eight *Hor.* Thirty Minutes *poſt Merid.* I bought Mr. *Hawkins*'s Books.

October 18. I put in a Plea and Demur to Sir *Humfrey Forſter*'s Bill.

Nov. 1. My Couſin *Bridget Smart* (only Daughter to my Uncle *Anthony Bowyer*) was buried.

12. I agreed with Mr. *Lyſter* for his Houſe in *Black Fryers*, where I afterwards dwelt.

23. Two

23. Two *Hor. poſt Merid.* he Sealed me a Leaſe of the ſaid Houſe at 44 *l. per Ann.*

26. *Poſt Merid.* I came thither to dwell.

1651. *Jan.* 1. I fell into a great Looſeneſs, which turned into a Fever, but mended next Day.

7. Captain *Wharton* returned from *Bradfeild*, whether I ſent him to receive my Rents.

16. Four *Hor. poſt Merid.* my Demurrer againſt Sir *Humfrey Forſter's* Bill was argued and held good.

22. About this time my left ſide of my Neck began to break forth, occaſioned by Shaving my Beard with a bad Razor.

27. About this time I grew Melancholly and Dull, and heavy in my Limbs and Back.

About this Time I began to learn Seal-graving, Caſting in Sand, and Goldſmiths Work.

Feb. 1. Three *Hor.* Thirty Minutes *poſt Merid.* I agreed with Mrs. *Backhouſe* of *London*, for her deceas'd Husbands Books.

March 7, I went to *Maidſtone* with Dr. *Child* the Phyſician. And three *Hor. poſt Merid.* I firſt became acquainted with Dr. *Flood.*

18. This Night my Maid's Bed was on Fire, but I roſe quickly (and Thanks to God) quenched it.

April 3. *Poſt Merid.* Mr. *William Backhouſe* of *Swallowfield* in *Com. Berks*, cauſed me to Call him Father thence forward.

26. Five *Hor.* Thirty Minutes *poſt Merid.* my Father *Backhouſe* brought me acquainted with

with the Lord *Ruthin*, who was a moſt Ingenious Perſon.

June 10. Mr. *Backhouſe* told me I muſt now needs be his Son, becauſe he had communicated ſo many Secrets to me.

July 21. I gave Mr. *Griſmond* my *Theatrum Chemicum Britanicum* to Print.

Aug. 11. Captain *Wharton* went to receive my Rents at *Bradfield*.

Aug. 14. The Aſtrologers Feaſt at *Painters Hall, London*.

This Night about one of the Clock, I fell Ill of a Surfeit, occaſioned by Drinking Water after Veniſon. I was greatly oppreſſed in my Stomach; and next Day Mr. *Saunders* the Aſtrologian ſent me a piece of Briony Root to hold in my Hand, and within a quarter of an Hour, my Stomach was freed of that great Oppreſſion, which nothing which I took from Dr. *Wharton* could do before.

About this Time my Brother *Peter Mainwaring*'s Wife dyed.

Sept. 11. Captain *Wharton* went to receive my Rents.

22. Mr. *Vaughan* began to engrave the Pictures in *Norton*'s Ordinal, he wrought and finiſh'd all the Cuts for my *Theatrum Chemicum Britanicum*, at my Houſe in *Black-Fryers*.

30. Captain *Wharton* Arreſted, I and Mr. *Griſmond*, Bail.

Octob. 9. My Father *Backhouſe* and I, went to ſee Mr. *Goodier*, the great Botaniſt, at *Petersfield*.

20. Mr. *Lilly* gave me ſeveral old Aſtrological Manuſcripts.

Nov. 10. About Four *poſt Merid.* my Wive's eldeſt Son, Mr. *Edward Stafford*, dyed.

11. Ten *poſt Merid.* he was buried in *Bradfield* Church.

12. Sir *John Backhouſe* of *Swallowfield*, his Widdow dyed.

Decemb. 7. Two *Hor. poſt Merid.* Dr. *Paget* lent me ſeveral Chymical Manuſcripts, and here began my Acquaintance with him.

19. I ſent Captain *Wharton* to receive my Rents at *Bradfield*.

1652. *Jan.* 21. The Gum at the back end of the Right ſide of my upper Jaw cleft, and about Nine *Hor. poſt Merid.* I felt a new Tooth coming up.

26. Six *Hor. poſt Merid.* the firſt Copy of my *Theatrum Chemicum Britanicum* was ſold to the Earl of *Pembroke*.

29. Ten *Hor. ante Merid.* Mr. *Lilly* gave me his Picture in Oyl Colours, of which there never had been Copy taken.

Feb. 11. Two *Hor.* Forty-five Minutes *poſt Merid.* the Statute of 3000 *l.* and Mr. *Stafford's* Counterpart of his Leaſe of my Wives Jointure was delivered to me, by direction of Sir *Arthur Mainwaring's* Lady, who had been truſted with it.

About this time I began to learn Hebrew of *Rabbi, Solomon Frank*.

March 1. I fell Sick of the Head Ach and a Cold, which continued five Weeks.

8. Six

8. Six *Hor.* Fifteen Minutes *ante Merid.* Dr. *Wharton* let me Blood.

10. This Morning my Father *Backhouſe* opened himſelf very freely, touching the great Secret.

April 9. I paid my Man *John Fox* his Wages, and diſcharged him of my Service.

12. This Morning I received more Satisfaction from my Father *Backhouſe*, to the Queſtions I propoſed.

I ſent Captain *Wharton* to *Bradfield* to receive my Rents.

27. I went to the Seſſions at *Newbury*, where Collonel *Evelin*, Governour of *Wallingford* (being ſet on by Sir *Humfrey Forſter*) was exceeding bitter againſt me, to the wonder of the whole Court.

May 28. The Inquiſition upon my Statute of 3000 Pounds was found at *Maidenhead*.

I and my Wife Tabled this Summer at Mr. *Tredeſcants*.

June 14. 11 *Hor. ante Merid.* Dr. *Wilkins* and Mr. *Wren* came to viſit me at *Black-Fryers*, this was the firſt time I ſaw the Doctor.

23. Captain *Wharton* was ſent to receive my Rents, and *July* 16, brought his Wife and Family to *Bradfield*.

Aug. 2. I went to *Maidſtone* Aſſizes to hear the Witches Tryed, and took Mr. *Tredeſcant* with me.

16. I went towards *Cheſhire*.

26. Dr. *Wharton* fell Sick of a violent and dangerous Feaver about Noon.

28. I arrived at *Gawsworth*, where my Father in Law, Mr. *Mainwaring* then lived.

Sept. 11. Young *John Tredescant* dyed.

15. He was buried in *Lambeth* Church Yard by his Grandfather.

23. I took a Journey into the *Peak*, in search of Plants, and other Curiosities,

27. I came to Mr. *Jo. Tompson*'s, who dwelt near *Dove Bridge*; he used a Call, and had Responses in a soft Voice. He told me Dr. *Wharton* was Recovering from his Sickness, and so it proved.

Octob. 2. I came to *Litchfield*.

3. Mr. *Anthony Diot* moved me to refer Controversy between me and my Uncle *Thomas Ashmole*.

13. My said Uncle quitted his Title to me, which pretended to my House in *Litchfield*, and Sealed to me a Deed of Bargain and Sale.

14. He also Sealed me a Release, and gave me Possession.

Nov. 2. Four *Hor. post Merid.* I returned to *London*, and in an Hour after to my House.

3. Mr. *Lilly* called before the Committee of plundred Ministers, and committed.

20. My Wife went again to Mr. *Tredescant*'s, to stay some time there.

21. I discharged my Man *Hobs* of my Service.

Decemb. 14. I was served with a *Subpœna* at Sir *Humfrey Forster*'s Suit, Three *Hor.* Forty Minutes *post Merid.*

15. His Bill was filed.

My

18. My Siſter Mrs. *Dorothy Mainwaring* came to live with my Wife Eleven *Hor. ante Merid.* She ſtayed with her but till the 16th of *January* following.

Jan. 13. 1653. I held a Court at *Bradfield*, as Lord of that Mannor.

Mr. *Anthony Brook* of *Sunning* was my Steward, Sir *Humfrey Forſter* coming thither, I Arreſted him.

17. My Wife left Mr. *Tredeſcant's*, and came to Mr. *Flint's*.

March 18. The Aſtrologers Feaſt was held.

April 8. Dr. *Langbaine*, Provoſt of Queens College, ſhewed me Mr. *Selden's* Letter to him, wherein he ſaid, he ſhould be glad to be acquainted with me; for he found by what I had Publiſhed, that I was affected to the furtherance of all good Learning.

20. This Morning I firſt became acquainted with *Ariſe Evans*, a *Welch* Prophet; and ſpeaking of the Parliament, I asked him when it would end? He anſwered, the time was ſhort, and it was even at the door; this very Morning at Eleven of the Clock, the Mace was taken away from the Speaker, and the Parliament diſſolved; and I conjecture it was much about the time that *Ariſe Evans* and I had this Diſcourſe.

May 12. Three *Hor. poſt Merid.* My Couſin *William Aſhmole* came to *London*. He went to Mr. *Sidley* upon Tryal.

13. My *Father Backhouſe* lying Sick in *Fleet-ſtreet*, over againſt St. *Dunſtan's* Church; and

not knowing whether he should live or dye, about Eleven of the Clock, told me in Syllables, the true Matter of the Philosophers Stone, which he bequeathed to me as a Legacy.

June 21. I agreed with Dr. *Bathurst* for the remaining Years, in my House at *Black-Fryers*.

July 25. Nine *Hor.* Thirty Minutes, I was first acquainted with Mr. *Selden*, who used me very Courteously, and encouraged me in my Studies.

Aug. 8. Eight *Hor.* Thirty Minutes *ante Merid.* I began my Voyage with Dr. *Carver* into *Cornwall*, he going thither to open a Mine for for the Lord *Mohun*.

17. Nine *Hor. post Merid.* we came to *Brecknock*.

Sept. 12. Nine *Hor.* Fifteen Minutes *post Merid.* we returned to *London*.

Octob. 1. Seven *Hor. post Merid.* I first became acquainted with Mr. *Ogilby*.

4. I was troubled with the Tooth ach, Major *Ruswell*, (Dr. *Bathurst*'s Apothecary) stopped it.

16. Sir *John Heydon*, Lieutenant of the Ordnance to King *Charles* the 1st, and my worthy Friend, dyed.

Nov. 18. My Aunt *Bowyer*, Wife to my Uncle *Anthony Bowyer*, was buried.

20. I was again troubled with the Tooth Ach for three Days.

23. My good Friend and Neighbour Dr. *Wimberley*, Minister of *Englefield* in *Berkshire*, dyed.

25. He

25. He was buried at St. *Margaret's* in *Weſtminſter*, where formerly he had been Parſon.

This Day I bound my Couſin *William Aſhmole* an Apprentice to Mr. *Clothier*, a Sadler.

1654. *Jan.* 21. Doctor *Wharton* began his Lecture at the Phyſitian's College 10 *Hor. ante merid.*

Feb. 6. The Hearing in Chancery, (came on) wherein Sir *Humphrey Forſter* was Plantiff againſt me. As ſoon as my Anſwer was opened, it was referred to Mr. *Chaloner Chute* my Counſel to determine.

Mar. 11. 4 *Hor. poſt merid.* Mr. *Chute* ſigned his Award.

16. In Purſuance whereof I received from Sir *Humphrey Forſter* 350 *l.* 11 *Hor. ante merid.*

Feb. 2. I acquainted Doctor *Wharton* with my Secret for the Cure of the *Iliaca Paſſio*, and he applied it this Morning to Mr. *Faithorne* the Graver, and it cured him.

July 3. My Wife went to lodge at Mr. *Wits*.

17. I came to *Litchfield*.

22. I returned thence.

Aug. 22. Aſtrologer's Feaſt.

24. I made a Journey to *Canterbury*, *Dover*, &c.

Sept. 1. I returned to *London*.

15. I went to viſit Mr. *Oughtred*, the famous Mathematician.

28. I received 300 Pounds from Sir *Humphrey Forſter*.

Oct. 7. Mr. *William Floyd's* firſt Wife (was) buried at *Swallowfield* in *Berkſhire*.

Nov.

Nov. 24. 6 *Hor. poſt Merid.* my good Father-in-Law Mr. *Peter Mainwaring* died at *Gawſworth.*

Dec. 8. Doctor *Pordage* was put out of *Bradfield* Living: By his Removal it fell to me to preſent, and knowing the Worth and Learning of Mr. *Floyd* (then living with my Father *Backhouſe*, as Tutor to his Children) I reſolved to beſtow it upon him, and thereupon ſent for him up to *London*, and on the 18*th* acquainted him with my Intention.

30. I ſigned a Preſentation to him; he was examined by the Tryers, and paſſed with Approbation: But Deſigns being laid againſt him by Mr. *Fowler* and Mr. *Ford*, both Miniſters of *Reading*, who endeavoured to bring in Doctor *Temple*, ſuppoſing Sir *Humphrey Forſter* had Right of Preſentation, he thought better to reſign his Preſentation to me, than to undergo a Conteſt with thoſe Men.

1655. *Mar.* 30. Hereupon I preſented one Mr. *Adams*, who, having a Living of 140 *l. per Ann.* and finding he muſt undergo a Conteſt with thoſe that oppoſed, Mr. *Floyd* thought fitter to keep his own Living, than part with it in hopes of a far better.

Nov. 28. The Peace between *England* and *France* was proclaimed at *Weſtminſter* 10 *Hor.* 45 Minutes *ante Merid.*

1656. And at 11 *Hor.* 45 Minutes it was proclaimed at *White-Hall.*

Apr. 17. Archbiſhop of *Armagh* (was) buried.

May

May 23. First Show at Sir *William Davenant's* Opera.

June 26. I fell ſick, and had a great Looſeneſs.

July In this Month I was troubled with a great Pain in my right Breaſt.

12. I paid Mr. *Faithorne* 7 *l.* for engraving my Picture.

Aug. 1. Journey to Mr. *Sterill's* in *Eſſex.*

7. Colonel *Wharton* came home upon his Parole.

29. I ſigned and ſealed my Preſentation for *Bradfield* Living to Mr. *Lancelot Smith* 6 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *ante Merid.* and delivered it to the Committee.

This Man, after ſome Conteſt, enjoyed the Living; and the Right of Preſentation being acknowledged to be mine, I had no farther Trouble.

This Day the Aſtrologer's Feaſt was held.

Sept. 4. Couſin —— *Thompſon* (was) chriſtened.

11. I went toward *Litchfield.*

13. About 9 *Hor. ante merid.* I came firſt to Mr. *Dugdales* at *Blyth-Hall.*

Oct. 9. I returned to *London.*

Dec. 19. I went towards *Blyth-Hall.*

1657. *Jan.* 14. 10 *Hor.* 40 Minutes *ante Merid.* I returned to *London.*

Feb. 22. My Couſin *Everard Mainwaring* died.

Mar. 27. I went towards *Blyth-Hall.*

Apr. 20. 5 *Hor. poſt merid.* I bruiſed my great Toe with the Fall of a great Form.

May

May 2. 7 *Hor. ante Merid.* I returned to *London.*

19. I accompanied Mr. *Dugdale* in his Journey towards the *Fens* 4 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante Merid.*

June 3. 9 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* we came to *York.*

July 7. 6 *Hor.* 45 Minutes *ante merid.* I returned to *London.*

Sept. 22. I fell ill of the Tooth-ach, which continued Three Days.

Oct. 8. The Cauſe between me and my Wife was heard, where Mr. Serjeant *Maynard* obſerved to the Court that there were 800 Sheets of Depoſitions on my Wife's Part, and not one Word proved againſt me of uſing her ill, nor ever giving her a bad or provoking Word.

9. The Lords Commiſſioners having found no Cauſe for allowing my Wife Alimoney, did, 4 *Hor. poſt merid.* deliver my Wife to me; whereupon I carried her to Mr. *Lilly's*, and there took Lodgings for us both.

Nov. 11. 2 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *poſt Merid.* I was admitted of the *Middle Temple.*

Dec. 1. About 10 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *poſt Merid.* it Thundered and Lightened, and at this Time was the Writ ſealed for Summons to the new Lords of the Parliament.

22. I and my Wife came towards *Albury.*

28. I went to *London.*

29. And thence towards *Blyth-Hall.*

1658. *Jan.* 15. I came to *Bradfield.*

19. I returned to *Albury.*

Mar. 30. I dined with the *Florida* Embaſſadour at Mr. *Martin Noell's*.

May 7. I firſt went to the Record-Office in the Tower, to collect Materials for my Work of the Garter.

9. I was ſtruck by a Coach-Horſe, on the inſide of my left Thigh.

June 12. I firſt became acquainted with Sir *Roger Twiſden*.

July 27. 4 *Hor. poſt merid.* I went towards *Warwickſhire* and *Staffordſhire*. In this Journey I viſited Sir *Thomas Leigh*, Sir *Harvey Bagot*, Sir *Richard Lewſon*, and the Earl of *Denbigh*.

Aug. 21. I returned to *London*.

Nov. 13. I was entred into Mr. *Henſhaw's* Chamber in the *Middle Temple*, which I bought of him for 130*l.* being admitted to it this Day 7 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.*

17. 11 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *ante Merid.* I brought my Goods thither, and 2 *Hor. poſt Merid.* came the reſt.

1659. *May* 24. I became acquainted with Mr. *Scipio Squire*.

25. I went to *Windſor*, and took Mr. *Hollar* with me to take Views of the Caſtle.

July 2. Was the Antiquaries Feaſt.

Aug. 16. I came to *Roe-Barnes*, to table there.

21. My Study was broken up by the Soldiers, upon pretence of ſearching for the King, but I loſt nothing out of it.

Oct. 2. Mr. *John Watlington*, an Apothecary of *Reading*, and an able Botaniſt (my very good Friend) was buried.

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5. Mr. *Lilly* received a gold Chain from the King of *Sweden*.

Nov. 2. Was the Aſtrologer's Feaſt.

Dec. 12. Mr. *Tredeſcant* and his Wife told me they had been long conſidering upon whom to beſtow their Cloſet of Curioſities when they died, and at laſt had reſolved to give it unto me.

14. This Afternoon they gave their Scrivener Inſtructions to draw a Deed of Gift of the ſaid Cloſet to me.

16. 5 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *poſt merid.* Mr. *Tredeſcant* and his Wife ſealed and delivered to me the Deed of Gift of all his Rarities.

1660. *Jan.* 3. My Uncle *Anthony Bowyer* died.

Mar. 2. I went into *Warwickſhire*.

Apr. 11. I returned to *London*.

June 6. 4 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *poſt merid.* I firſt became acquainted with Sir *Edward Walker Garter*.

16. 4 *Hor. poſt merid.* I firſt kiſſed the King's Hand, being introduced by Mr. *Thomas Chiffinch*.

18. 10 *Hor. ante merid.* was the ſecond Time I had the Honour to diſcourſe with the King, and then he gave me the Place of *Windſor* Herald.

22. This Day the Warrant bears Date.

About this Time the King appointed me to make a Deſcription of his Medals, and I had them delivered into my Hands, and *Henry* the VIIIth's Cloſet aſſigned for my Uſe.

July

July 19. This Morning Mr. Secretary *Morice* told me that the King had a great Kindneſs for me.

Aug. 6. Mr. *Ayton*, the King's chief Gentleman-Uſher came to me into the Cloſet, and told me, the King had commanded that I ſhould have my Diet at the Waiters Table, which I accordingly had.

10. The Officers at Arms took the Oaths, and my ſelf among them, as *Windſor* Herald.

14. This Afternoon was the firſt publick Meeting of the Officers at Arms in the Heralds Office.

21. I preſented the King with the Three Books I had printed, *viz. Faſciculus Chemicus*, *Theatrum Chemicum*, and *The Way to Bliſs*.

Sept. 3. My Warrant ſigned for the Comptroler's Office in the Exciſe.

17. I delivered my ſaid Warrant for the Exciſe to the Commiſſioners of Appeals.

Oct. 24. 5 *Hor. poſt merid.* I came to the Exciſe-Office, and took Poſſeſſion of the Comptroler's Office.

Nov. 2. I was this Night called to the Bar in the *Middle Temple* Hall.

7. I had my Admittance to the Bar in the ſaid Hall.

Dec. 28. I took my Oath, as Comptroler of the Exciſe before Baron *Turner*.

1661. *Jan.* 15. I was admitted a Member of the Royal Society at *Greſham-College*.

Feb. 9. A Warrant was ſigned by the King for my being Secretary of *Surinam* in the *Weſt-Indies*.

Apr. 3. My Patent for Comptrolerſhip of the Exciſe bears Teſt.

13. The King gave my Lord Chamberlain Order, to ſettle me as the firſt Herald, in caſe any Diſpute ſhould happen.

May 16. The Grant of Arms to me from Sir *Edward Byſh Clarencieux* bears Date.

June 28. *John Walſh* was ſworn my Deputy.

Nov. 6. Mr. *Thomas Chiffinch* dined at my Chamber in the *Middle Temple*.

July 12. I chriſtened Mr. *Buttler* the Goldſmith's Son, *William*.

1662. *Jan.* 26. I paid in 50 *l.* the Half of my Royal Preſent to the King.

Mar. 5. I ſent a Set of Services and Anthems to *Litchfield* Cathedral, which coſt me 16 *l.*

Apr. 22. Mr. *John Tredeſcant* died.

May 29. I was made one of the Commiſſioners for recovering the King's Goods.

May 30. My Father *Backhouſe* died this Evening at *Swallowfield*.

This *Eaſter-Term* I preferred a Bill in *Chancery* againſt Mrs. *Tredeſcant*, for the Rarities her Husband had ſettled on me.

June 17. About 3 *Hor. poſt merid.* The Commiſſioners for the Office of Earl-Marſhal firſt ſat in *Whiteball*.

This Afternoon my Father *Backhouſe* was buried in *Swallowfield* Church.

29. 11 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I firſt kiſſed the Queen's Hand.

Aug. I accompanied Mr. *Dugdale* in his Viſitation of *Derby* and *Nottingamſhire*.

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9. I bought Mr. *Tumepenines* Intereſt in the Leaſe of *Homerich* Lands.

Sept. I paid the other half of my Royal Preſent to the King, *viz.* 50 *l.*

Dec. 3. I chriſtened Captain *Wharton's* Daughter, *Anne.*

1663. *Mar.* I accompanied Mr. *Dugdale* in his Viſitation of *Staffordſhire* and *Derbyſhire.*

May. Towards the End of this Month I chriſtened Mr. *Timothy Eman's* Son of *Windſor.*

27. I fell ill of a feverish Diſtemper.

July 6, I went towards *Oxford*, attending the Body of Archbiſhop *Juxon.*

Aug. 3. 9 *Hor. ante merid.* I began my Journey to accompany Mr. *Dugdale* in his Viſitations of *Shropſhire* and *Cheſhire.*

Oct. 10. I returned to *London.*

Nov. 21. Mr. *Povey* brought the Earl of *Peterborough* to my Chamber.

1664. *Jan.* 19. Mr. *Thomas* firſt promiſed me a Place in the White-Office.

Feb. 3. The Benchers of the *Middle Temple* granted me an Aſſignment of my Chamber in the *Middle Temple.*

8. My Picture was drawn by Mr. *Le Neve* in my Heralds-Coat.

12. Mr. *Dugdale* fell ſick of a Fever.

13. I gave 20*l.* towards the Repair of *Litchfield* Minſter.

Mar. 17. I Chriſtened *Secundus* Son to Mr. *Lacy* the Comedian.

May 18. My Cauſe came to hearing in *Chancery* againſt Mrs. *Tredeſcant.*

June 17. I gave Five Volumes of Mr. *Dugdale's* Works to the *Temple-Library*, and had this Acknowledgment.

Parliamentum tentum 17th *die Junii* 1664.

Ordered that Mr. Aſhmole *of the utter Bar have their Maſterſhips Thanks for the Books now preſented by him to their Maſterſhips for the Library.*

27. The White Office was opened, wherein I was Comptroler.

July 16. I having bought the Third Part of my Chamber upon the Death of Mr. *Perrot*, the Bench this Day gave me an Aſſignment of it.

Aug. 9. Grand Day at the Reading in the *Middle Temple*, whereat I was one of the Stewards.

1665. *Feb.* 8, About 8 *Hor. ante merid.* Mr. *Thomas* gave a Warrant of Attorney to confeſs a Judgment to me of 1200 *l.*

17. Sir *Edward Biſh* ſealed his Deputation to me for viſiting *Berkſhire*.

Mar. 11. I began to make my Viſitation of *Berkſhire* at *Reading*.

Aug. 26. I went towards *Blyth-Hall*.

This Year about 15 of *July* (the Plague encreaſing) I retired to *Roe-Barnes*, and the following Winter compoſed a good Part of my Work *of the Garter* there.

1666. *Jan.* 17. I beſtowed on the Bailiffs of *Litchfield* a large chaſed Silver Bowl and Cover, which coſt me 23 *l.* 8 *s.* 6 *d.*

June

June I presented the publick Library at *Oxford* with Three Folio Volumes, containing a Description of the Consular and Imperial Coines theve, which I had formerly made and digested, being all fairly transcribed with my own Hand. In Acknowledgment of which the following was entred in the Register of Benefactors.

Elias Ashmole *armiger*, & *Regius Fecialis de* Windesore, *vir præstantissimus & rei antiquariæ peritissimus, accuratissimum antiquorum Numismatum Laudentium Catalogum in tria Volumina distributum concinnavit, & Bibliothecæ Bodleianæ dono dedit.*

Aug. This Month I went to *Blyth-Hall*, and returned the same Month.

Sept. 2. The dreadful Fire of *London* began.

Oct. 4. 1 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *post merid.* some of my Books, carried to my Cousin *Moyse's*, were returned to my Chamber at the *Temple*.

11. 1 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *post merid*, my first boatful of Books, which were carried to Mrs. *Tredescant's* the 3*d* of *September*, were brought back to the *Temple*.

18. 4 *post merid.* all the rest of my Things were brought thence to the *Temple*.

1667. *May* 21. I bought Mr. *John Booker's* Study of Books, and gave 140*l.* for them.

July 16. I went to *Warwickshire*.

24. I returned to *London*.

31. I went again towards *Warwickshire*.

Aug. 21. I returned to *Roe-Barnes*.

Nov. 25. I took a Lease of the *Moggs* in

Litchfield from the Bailiffs, and this Day paid 20*l.* part of 40*l.* Fine.

1668. *Jan.* 11. I paid to Mr. *Rawlins* 20*l.* the remaining Part of my Fine for the *Moggs* at *Litchfield*.

Apr. 1. 2 *Hor. ante merid.* the Lady *Mainwaring*, my Wife, died.

25. Mr. *Joseph Williamson* and Dr. *Thomas Smith* (afterwards Biſhop of *Carliſle*) dined with me at my Chamber in the *Temple*.

June 9. 5 *Hor. poſt merid.* the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury appointed me to execute the Office of Accomptant-General in the Exciſe and Country Accomptant.

15. 5 *Hor. poſt merid.* they appointed me to execute the Place of Country-Accomptant in the Exciſe.

Aug. 10. I went towards *Blyth-Hall*.

26. I returned to *London*.

Sept. 4. 7 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I concluded with Mr. *Laurence*, for his Houſe in *Sheere-Lane*. At 7 *Hor. poſt merid.* he ſealed his Aſſignment to me.

16. Doctor *Currer*, the Chymical Phyſitian, my moſt entire Friend, died.

Oct. 1. He was buried at St. *Clement Danes*, and Dr. *William Floyd* preached his Funeral-Sermon *November* 1.

Nov. 3. I married Mrs. *Elizabeth Dugdale*, Daughter to *William Dugdale*, Eſq; *Norroy* King of Arms, at *Lincoln's-Inn* Chappel. Dr. *William Floyd* married us, and her Father gave her. The Wedding was finiſhed at 10 *Hor. poſt merid.*

Dec.

Dec. 3. Doctor *William Floyd* married.

29. *Juſtinian Pagitt*, Eſq; died.

1669. *Jan.* 2. Mr. *Juſt. Pagitt* was buried at St. *Giles's* in the Fields.

April 15. Mr. *Roſe*, the King's Gardiner, and my ſelf, went to Mrs. *Tredeſcants*, and thence to Captain *Forſters* at *South-Lambeth*, where I firſt was acquainted with him.

17. Mr. *Oldenburgh* (Secretary to the Royal Society) ſent me a Letter, that Count *Magalotti* would viſit me at my Chamber, from the Prince of *Tuſcany*.

19. Count *Magalotti* and two other Gentlemen of the Prince of *Tuſcany*'s chief Attendants, came to my Chamber to ſee my Library and Coins.

27. I felt the firſt Touch of the Gout, in my great Toe, on my left Foot, and in my left Fore-finger.

June 5. I and my Wife went to *Horſham* to viſit Mr. *Lilly*.

14. We returned to *London*.

July 6. I went towards *Oxford*.

9. The Poſſeſſion of the Theatre (built by Dr. *Sheldon* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*) was taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

I received the Honour of being made a Doctor of Phyſick at *Oxford*.

Aug. 11. I and my Wife went again to Mr. *Lilly*'s.

22. Sir *William Backhouſe* of *Swallowfield* dyed.

Sept. 3. I returned to *London* from Mr. *Lilly*'s.

Mrs. *Dorcas Pagitt*, Wife to *Juſtinian Pagitt*, Eſq; was buried. 21. I

21. I went towards *Swallowfield* to ſerve at the Funeral of Sir *William Backhouſe*.

28. He was buried at *Swallowfield*.

29. I Let a Leaſe of *Homerich* Lands to *H. Aldrich* for ſeven Years.

Novemb. 3. This Evening Dr. *Yates*, Principal of *Brazen-Noſe* Colledge, preſented me with a *Diploma* from the Univerſity of *Oxford*, for my Degree of Doctor of Phyſick between ſix and Seven at Night.

About the middle of *December*, my Friendſhip began to be renewed with Dr. *Wharton*, which had been diſcontinued for many Years; by reaſon of his unhandſome and unfriendly dealing with me.

1670. *March* 14. I beſtowed a Grave-Stone on Mr. *Booker* formerly, and this Day paid for it; it had this Inſcription in Capital Letters.

Ne oblivione contereretur Urna
Johannis Bookeri *Aſtrologi*
qui fati ceſſit
VIto *Idus* Aprilis, *Anno Chriſti Juliano*
MDCLXVII.
Hoc illi poſuit amoris Monumentum
Elias Aſhmole
Armiger.

16. I was entertained by Monſieur *Lionberg*, the *Swediſh* Envoy.

31. I obtained the King's Warrant to my Book of the *Garter*.

May 5.

May 5. The Earl of *Angleſea* viſited me at my Chamber in the Temple.

10. I Dined at Sir *Charles Cotterels* with the *Daniſh* Envoy, and after Dinner they went to my Chamber in the Temple; where I ſo ſatiſfied the Envoy touching the King of *Sweden's* Precedence in the Order before his Maſters; that he thereupon waved the further Proſecution of that Affair.

June 22. Captain *Burgh*, my old Acquaintance, dyed.

July 5. The Lord *Hatton*, my much Honoured Friend, dyed this Morning.

I fell ill of a Surfeit, but Thanks be to God, I Recovered the next Day.

9. I Dined with the *Swediſh* Envoy.

27. Sir *Gilbert Talbot*, Maſter of the Jewel Houſe, and Mr. *Joſeph Williamſon* Dined at my Chamber in the Temple.

Auguſt 19. Six *Hor. poſt merid.* my Couſin *Moyſe* of *Totenham*, dyed.

24. My ſelf and Wife went to Captain *Whartons*, at *Greenwich*.

Sept. 25. Eleven *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I became acquainted with the Count *de Monroux*, Envoy from the Duke of *Savoy*.

Octob. 8. I moved my Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* for a Licenſe for Mr. *Lilly*, to practiſe Phyſick, which he granted.

Nov. 18. I fell Ill of the Gout, in my great Toe on the Right Foot.

20. I bled with Leeches, and was Well the next Morning.

1674.

1671. *Jan.* 9. My Sister *Dugdale* dyed.

March 13. I became acquainted with Mr. *Peter Arnold* the Chymist.

April 4. My Brother *Dugdale* Married to Mrs. *Pigeon.*

May 16. I Let a Lease of my House in *Litchfield*, to Mr. *Edmund Falkingham*, for 7 Years.

July 20. I went towards *Blyth-Hall* with my Wife.

31. I came to *Litchfield.*

Aug. 10. I and my Wife went to *Litchfield*, where we were entertained by the Bailiffs at a Dinner, and a great Banquet.

15. We went to the Earl of *Denbeigh* at *Newnham.*

18. Four *Hor. post Merid.* I arrived at *London.*

Sept. 21. I went again towards *Blyth-Hall.*

Octob. 5. I came to *Litchfield*, where I met my Brother *Mainwaring.*

18. I and my Wife returned to *London.*

19. My Brother *Mainwaring* came to *London.*

Decemb. 7. My Brother *Mainwaring* took his Oath, as one of my Deputies, so did Mr. *Street.*

1672. *Jan.* 24. I was Entertained at Dinner by the *Venetian* Agent.

May 8. Two *Hor.* 40 Minutes, (*post merid.*) I presented my Book of the *Garter* to the King.

July 20. I and my Wife went to Mr. *Lilly's*, where we stayed till *September* the 2d.

Aug. 20. My good Friend Mr. *Wale*, sent me Dr. *Dee's* Original Books and Papers.

Sept. 14. The Earl of *Peterborough* having about *June*, by the Duke of *York's* Command, called

called at my Chamber in the *Temple*, for one of my Books of the *Garter*, to carry to the Duke, then at Sea; the Duke Received it with much Pleasure, and (*the Earl*) believed he had Read it all over.

27. Mr. *Philip Lloyd's* Patent passed the great Seal for the Reversion of my Office of Comptroller of the Excise.

Octob. 14. Ten *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I Sprained my Right Foot.

17. The Earl of *Peterborough* presented me to the Duke of *York*, who told me he had Read a great part of my Book, that I had done a great deal of Honour to *the Order of the Garter*, that I had taken a great deal of Pains therein; and deserved Incouragement 9 *Hor.* 20 Minutes *ante Merid.*

Decemb. 17. Being at the Treasury Chamber, the Lord Treasurer *Clifford*, very Courteously invited me to his Lodgings in the Court.

20. I waited on him, and was received with great Kindness.

23. The Earl of *Bristol* gave great Commendations of my Book, and said, he thought the *Knights of the Garter* were obliged to present me with some considerable Gift, and that himself would move it.

1673. *Jan.* 11. This Evening I sat with the Lord Treasurer two Hours.

27. Ten *Hor.* 40 Minutes *ante Merid.* the Earl of *Bedford* gave his Approbation, with great Commendation of my Book of the *Garter*.

Feb. 3

Feb. 3. Ten *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I delivered my Petition to the Earl of *Arlington*, for the Cuſtom of Paper, with a deſire of his Opinion about it: He anſwered, it was but a reaſonable Requeſt, and he would confer with the Lord Treaſurer about it, before he moved the King, and that he would do me Service.

13. Eight *Hor.* 20 Minutes *poſt merid.* I moved the Lord Treaſurer for my Arrears of my Penſion, as *Windſor* Herald, and to favour my Petition for getting the Cuſtom of ſome Paper: The firſt he ſaid ſhould be done, and to the ſecond, he would be my Friend, and ſo he was.

March 13. My Book of *the Garter* was ſent to Captain *Bartie* to be preſented to the King of *Denmark*.

16. I grew indiſpoſed with a Fulneſs in my Stomach, but taking ſome Phyſick, I grew well.

25. The Earl of *Denbigh* came to my Houſe to viſit me.

April 12. Seven *Hor. poſt merid.* coming from *Windſor* in a Coach with Sir *Edward Walker*, the Coach overturned, and I Sprained my left Wriſt.

17. I delivered my Book of the *Garter* to Sir *John Finch*, to Preſent it to the Duke of *Tuſcany*.

May 24. I received the Lord Treaſurer's Warrant for 106 Pound, 13 Shillings and Four-pence, the Arrears of my Penſion.

June 18.

June 18. I received my Privy-Seal for 400 Pounds out of the Custom of Paper, which the King was pleased to bestow upon me, for my Work of the *Garter*.

29. I was let Blood.

July 4. The Learned and Ingenious Sir *Robert Murrey* dyed.

Sept. 29. I renewed my Lease of *Homerich* Lands, from the Vicars of *Litchfield*.

Octob. 4. I and my Wife came from *Horsham* to *London*, having spent a good part of the Summer with Mr. *Lilly*.

12. The Lady *Forster*, Sir *Humfrey Forster's* Widdow, dyed.

Novemb. 8. This Morning Dr. *Wharton* was found almost Dead in his Bed of an Apoplexy, and Palsy on his left side.

12. He sent for me at Midnight, and because some Differences had formerly fallen out between us, he desired to be reconciled to me, which he was.

15. Ten *Hor.* 15 Minutes *ante merid.* Dr. *Wharton* dyed, and was buried in *Basingball* Church in a Vault.

Decemb. 3. Dr. *Teme* the Physician, dyed this Evening. He was buried at St. *Andrews Undershaft*, the seventh of *January* following.

1674. *Feb.* 25. Nine *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante Merid.* I desired Mr. *Hayes*, the Earl Marshal's Secretary, to move his Lord, to give me leave to Resign my Heralds Place.

April 2. The Earl Marshal came to see my Chamber in the *Temple*.

13. He gave me a *George* in Gold, which his Grandfather wore, when he went Embaſſador into *Germany*.

24. My Wife and I went to Mr. *Lilly*'s, where we ſtayed till 8 *September* following.

May 29. About Five *poſt merid.* the Order was made in the Chapter Houſe at *Windſor*, for Recommending me to the Knights of the Garter.

June 20. I Dined with the Duke of *Lauderdale* at *Ham*, whither he had Invited me, and Treated me very kindly.

July 1. Sir *John Davis*, ſometime of *Panborne* in *Berkshire*, dyed.

20. I met with Mr. *Thomas Henſhaw* upon his Return from *Denmark*, having brought me a Gold Chain, and that King's Medal thereat, from the ſaid King.

27. I firſt ſpake with the Prince Elector of *Brandenburgh*'s Envoy.

Auguſt 1. I lent Mr. *Edward Hopkins* 400 Pounds, upon a Mortgage of his Lands in *Little Pipe* near *Litchfield*.

4. Sir *William Swan*, the King's Reſident at *Hamburgh*, gave me an Account of his ſending my Books of the Garter to the Duke of *Saxony*, and Prince Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and gave me a Letter from the ſaid Prince.

Sept. 17. I waited on the King, and ſhewed him the Gold Chain the King of *Denmark* ſent me, he liked it well, and gave me leave to wear it.

October 2. Eleven *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I and my Wife first entred my House at *South-Lambeth.*

5. This Night Mr. *Tredescant* was in danger of being robbed, but most strangely prevented.

28. I waited on the Earl Marshal, to gain his Leave, for disposing of my Heralds Place. He told me I was a Person of that Ability, that he was loath to leave me, and put off the Discourse to a further time.

Novemb. 17. I received a Case of Excellent Pistols, and a Silver Hilt for a Sword, sent me as a Present, from the Earl of *Castlemaine*, from *Liege.*

26. Mrs. *Tredescant* being willing to deliver up the Rarities to me, I carried several of them to my House.

Decemb. 4. I began to remove the rest of the Rarities to my House at *South-Lambeth.*

2. This Night my Affair about the inlargeing my Controll upon the Counties, was settled.

18. Mr. *Lilly* fell Sick, and was Let Blood in the Left Foot, a little above the Ancle, New Moon the Day before, and the Sun Eclipsed.

20. Mr. *Lilly* had a great Pain in his Left Leg, which lasted 24 Hours, and put him into a great Feaver.

23. My Wife went to see him.

26. I went to visit him also.

28. The Humour being fixed in two places upon his top of the Left Foot (one being the

place he was Let Blood in) and now grown ripe, they were launced by Mr. *Agar*, an Apothecary (and no leſs a good Chirurgeon) of *Kingſton*, after which he began to be at more Eaſe, and the Feaver abated.

I was preſent at the Operation.

1675. *Jan.* 6. I wore the Chain of Gold, ſent me from the King of *Denmark*, before the King, in his Proceeding to the Chappel, to offer Gold, Frankincenſe, and Myrrh.

20. The Earl of *Winchelſea*, Sir *William Swan*, and Mr. *Thynn*, were entertained at my Chamber in the *Temple*.

29. This Afternoon I obtained the Earl Marſhal's Leave to reſign my Heralds Place.

Febr. 10. Collonel *Gervais Hollis*, a Maſter of the Requeſts, dyed.

21. Two *Hor. poſt Merid.* I Sealed the Counterpart of Mr. *Hopkins*, Mortgage of *Little Pipe* in *Com. Stafford*, to me for 400 Pound.

25. Mr. *Detbick* offered me 300 Pounds, if I would reſign my Heralds Place to him.

March 1. This Night Mr. *Sandford* offered me the like Sum, if I would reſign it to him.

9. Collonel *Gervais Hollis*'s Body (was) carried thro' *London*, towards *Mansfield* in *Nottinghamſhire*, where he was buried.

24. Lord *Hatton* and his Siſters Dined with me.

26. Mr. *Smith*, of *Mooreſields*, dyed, he had an Excellent good Library of Books.

April 17. My Brother *Dugdale* having agreed with me for my Herald's Place, this Morning moved

moved the Earl Marſhal that he might ſucceed me, which he granted.

The ſame Morning I agreed with my Carpenter for building the additional Rooms I made to my Houſe at *South-Lambeth*.

27. This Afternoon Sir *William Swan* told me, the Prince Elector of *Brandenburgh* had given Order for a Preſent to me, and that it lay ready for me at *Hamburgh*.

May 1. Ten *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I and my Wife came to my Houſe at *South-Lambeth*, to lie there.

5. Ten *Hor.* 20 Minutes *ante merid.* I laid the firſt Stone of my New Building there.

20. This Day *Monſieur Swerene*, the Prince Elector of *Brandenburgh*'s Envoy came to Viſit me at my Chamber in the *Temple*.

25. My Wife in getting up of her Horſe near *Farnham Caſtle*, fell down, and hurt the hinder part of her Hand, and Left Shoulder.

June 6. Mr. *Richard Hodgkinſon* (my old Friend, and Fellow Gentleman of the Ordinance in the Garriſon of *Oxford*) was buried.

25. Six *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* the Foundation of St. *Paul*'s Church in *London*, was laid.

27. Dr. *Barlow* (my old and worthy Friend) was Conſecrated Biſhop of *Lincoln*.

July 15. This Morning a Jury of Sewers ſet out my Brick Wall made towards the High-way, at my Houſe at *South-Lambeth*.

21. Four *Hor. poſt merid.* I ſurrendered my Heralds Place to his Majeſty in *Chancery*, be-

fore Sir ——— *Clerk*, one of the Masters of that Court.

Aug. 28. One *Hor.* 40 Minutes *post merid.* I and my Wife came to dwell at my House in *South-Lambeth*.

Octob. 7. *Mons. la Mere* (lately sent from the Prince of *Orange* to his Majesty) gave me a Visit at my Chamber in the *Temple*.

8. I first became acquainted with *Monsieur Spanheim*, the Prince Elector *Palatines* Envoy to his Majesty; 9 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* He was the Prince Elector *Palatines* Plenipotentiary at *Cologne*, and there Sir *Joseph Williamson* delivered to him my Book *of the Garter*, to present to the said Prince.

26. My Brother *Dugdale* was Created *Windsor* Herald.

27. Mr. *Thomas Rosi* (Tutor to the Duke of *Monmouth*) dyed.

29. Between Nine and Ten *Hor. post merid.* my Uncle *Ralph Ashmole* dyed.

Novemb. 2. I fell ill of a Cold.

7. Great Pain in my farther Tooth, on the left side of my upper Jaw, which continued three or four Days.

16. Eleven *Hor. ante merid.* I began to plant my Garden Walls with Fruit-Trees.

This Day *Robert Chaloner*, *Lancaster* Herald, dyed.

Decemb. 4. I first became acquainted with Mr. *Butler*, Chaplain to the Duke of *Ormond*, and an able Astrologian.

1676. *Feb.* 27. Sir *Thomas Chicheley*, and Sir *Jonas Moore* came to Dine with me.

March 10. I fell Ill of the Tooth Ach, and the fartheſt Tooth in the upper ſide of my left Jaw, was very looſe.

29. My Teeth fell looſer, and put me to ſo great trouble, I could not chew my Meat for a Week.

31. My Brother *Harriſon* of *Litchfield*, dyed.

April 6. I was afflicted with the *Vertigo*, and drew out my Tooth that had ſo greatly troubled me.

7. The Officers of Arms ſeeming unwilling to let me have the Funeral-turn, which was my due; I acquainted the Earl Marſhal with it, and this Day, Sir *Thomas St. George* waiting on him, he told him, he would have me have the Benefit of it. His Lordſhip afterwards told me, that he ſaid to Sir *Thomas*, 'That he 'Eſteemed me the beſt Officer in the Office, 'and if he could have perſwaded me to have 'ſtaid in the Office, I ſhould not have wanted 'the beſt Employment, and have been made 'the Fore-Horſe in the Team; and that I 'had deſerved greatly, in getting Money for 'Re-building the Office.

Apr. 16. This Evening the Gout took me in my left Foot, and held me for a Fortnight.

Aug. 8. I fell ill of a Looſeneſs, and had above Twenty Stools.

Septemb. 4. Mr. *Ogilby* dyed.

November 20. I fell ill of the Gout in my left Toe: This Fit held me a Fortnight.

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Decemb. 18. My old Friend Major *Brooke*, the Stationer, died.

22. He was buried.

1677. *Feb.* 6. My Uncle *Ralph Aſhmole's* Widow died.

7. In the Afternoon I took cold in my Head.

14. I took cold in my right Ear.

19. Mr. *Richard Edlin*, one of my Clerks, died this Night.

20. Sir *Edward Walker*, *Garter*, died ſuddenly.

21, 23, 25. I took *Pile Macri* which did me much good.

21. Mr. *Richard Edlin* was buried in St. *Alballow's* Church-Yard.

22. The Biſhop of *Salisbury* wrote to me, that he had moved the King to beſtow *Garters* Place upon me. I wrote back to excuſe my accepting of it, with Deſires to move no further on my Behalf.

26. The Earl Marſhal ſent his Secretary Mr. *Hayes*, to have my Opinion, whether Garter's Place was in the King's or his Diſpoſe. I gave my Opinion, that it was in the King's Diſpoſal.

Mar. 6. The Biſhop of *Salisbury* came to my Houſe, to acquaint me with the King's Command, that I ſhould aſſiſt him in making good the King's Title to *Garters* Place.

28. 7 *Hor. ante merid.* I laid the Foundation of my back Buildings to my Houſe at *South Lambeth*.

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30. There was a Hearing before ſome of the Lords of the Council and ſome Knights of the Garter, between the King and Earl-Marſhal, at which Garters Place was adjudged to be ſolely in the King's Diſpoſal.

31. Mr. *Bartie* earneſtly preſſed me to accept of *Garters* Place, intimating my Lord Treaſurer thought me fitteſt for it, which I excuſed; nevertheleſs he gave me an Opportunity to ſpeak with my Lord, which when I had, I forebore ſaying any Thing of this Matter to him.

Apr. 1. Mr. *Bartie* ſet more earneſtly upon me to be *Garter*; but I abſolutely refuſed.

2. My Father *Dugdale* was pitched upon to be *Garter*, and the King gave his Conſent; whereupon the Earl Marſhal ſent for him out of *Warwickſhire* by this Night's Poſt.

10. My Father *Dugdale* came to Town.

11. The Earl Marſhal told my Father *Dugdale*, that I had carried my ſelf very fairly in the matter between him and the King, touching *Garters* Place.

May 10. 9 *Hor. ante merid.* The firſt Foundation of the Rebuilding of *Cheapſide* was laid.

17. About Noon I ſprained my right Foot, near my Ancle.

24. My Father *Dugdale* was created *Garter*, principal King at Arms.

25. He was Knighted.

June 1. He took his Oath in a Chapter, called to that Purpoſe.

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7. My Lord Treasurer agreed to have my Comptrol continue upon the Vouchers.

July 2. I sealed a Lease of my House in *Litchfield* to Mr. *Falkingham* for Eight Years.

Another to *Henry Aldrich* of the Lands in *Homerich*, for Seven Years.

Another to Mr. *William Webb*, of the *Moggs* in *Litchfield*, for Eleven Years.

10. I made a Feast at my House in *South-Lambeth*, in Honour of my Benefactors to my Work of the *Garter*.

Aug. 1. I received 400 *l.* being the Mortgage Money I formerly lent upon Mr. *Hopkin's* Estate, at *little Pipe* near *Litchfield*.

Sept. 10. 1 *Hor. post merid.* Mr. *Rose*, the King's Gardiner, died.

17. Count *Wallestein*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, Marquis *de Este Borgonianiniers*, Envoy extraordinary from the King of *Spain*, Monsieur *Swerene*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Prince Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and the Count of *Flamburgh* bestowed a Visit on me at my House at *South-Lambeth*.

28. There was a Fire in the *Inner Temple*.

Oct. 4. Mr. *Loggan* began to draw my Picture in Black Lead.

16. My Lord Bishop of *Oxford* gave me a Visit at Mr. *Loggans*.

31. *Myne Heere van Zeelin* (Secretary to the Prince of *Orange*) came to visit me at my Chamber in the *Temple*.

Nov. 4. Mr. *Rawlins*, Town-Clerk of *Litchfield*, acquainted me, that Mr. *Richard Dyott*, Parliament-Man for that City, was likely to die,

die, and that the Bailiffs, &c. were willing to chuſe me in his Room; but I anſwered, I had no Inclination to accept of that Honour, and therefore deſired him to give my Thanks to all that were ſo well affected to me.

10. *Myne Heere van Zeelin*, and the *Dutch* Embaſſadors came to my Houſe to viſit me.

Dec. 10. Doctor *Plot* (*a*) came to me, to requeſt me to nominate him to be Reader at *Oxford*, of the Philoſophical Lecture upon Natural things. I told him if the *Univerſity* liked him, he ſhould have my Suffrage.

19. 2 *Hor. poſt meridi.* Mrs. *Ogilby* died.

This Morning my Tooth, next my Fore-tooth, in my upper Jaw, was very looſe, and I eaſily pulled it out.

Having received ſeveral Letters from *Litchfield*, to requeſt me to ſtand for a Parliament-Man there; I at length conſented, provided it was not too late; and upon attempting it by others for me, found it was ſo; for I found the Magiſtrates and Friends not ſo cordial to me as I expected, and therefore drew off and would not ſtand.

1678. *Feb.* 9. One of my middle Teeth, in my lower Jaw, was broke out while I was at Dinner.

Mar. 23. The Gout took me in my right Toe.

Apr. 4. 11 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante meridi*, my Wife told me, that Mrs. *Tredeſcant* was found drowned in her Pond. She was drowned the Day before about Noon, as appeared by ſome Circumſtance.

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(*a*) *See* Appendix.

6. 8 *Hor. poſt merid.* She was buried in a Vault in *Lambeth* Church-Yard, where her Husband and his Son *John* had been formerly laid.

22. I removed the Pictures from Mrs. *Tredeſcant's* Houſe to mine.

May 11. My Lord Biſhop of *Oxford* and Dr. *Nicholas*, Vice-Chancellor of *Oxford*, gave me a Viſit at my Houſe, 7 *Hor.* 30 Min. *ante merid.*

June 18. Mr. *Lea* and his Wife's Releaſe to me of the 100 *l.* I was to pay after Mrs. *Tredeſcant's* Death, bears Date.

July 17. About 8 of the Clock this Morning I was ſerved with a *Subpœna*, out of the *Chancery*, at Mr. *Searles* Suit.

Aug. 5. The Earl of *Peterborough* came to viſit me at my Chamber in the *Temple*, and to ſee my Collection of Coins.

Sept. 28. I took my purging Pills.

29. I bled with *Leeches*.

1679. *Jan.* 26. 10 *Hor. poſt merid.* The Fire in the *Temple* began next Room to my Chamber, and burned my Library, &c.

Mar. 25. I entred upon the Houſe and Ground adjoining to my Houſe at *South Lambeth*, which Mr. *Bartholmew* let me a Leaſe of.

31. 9 *Hor.* 45 Minutes *ante merid.* Mr. *Bartholmew* ſealed my Leaſe.

April I firſt became acquainted with the Lord *Roberts*.

June 8. I went to Sir —— *Napier*, at *Great Linford* in *Buckinghamſhire*, and came thither next Day 8 *Hor. poſt merid.*

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14. I returned to *London*.

27. I visited Monsieur *Spanheim*.

Aug. 18. My Lord Grace of *Canterbury*, (Dr. *Sancroft*) came to visit me at my House, and spent a great Part of the Day with me in my Study.

25. Sir *Jonas Moore*, Surveyor of the Ordinance, and my old Friend, died.

Sept. 2. Sir *Jonas Moore* was buried in the *Tower-Church*.

About the End of *October* I was much troubled with the *Vertigo*.

1680. *Mar.* 15. 8 *post merid.* I fell ill of the Gout in my left great Toe.

20. It fell into my right great Toe, and this Fit held me for Five Weeks.

Apr. 17. My Wife fell ill of a Rheumatism.

June 28. The Countess of *Clarendon* came to visit me and my Wife.

July 26. The Archbishop of *Canterbury*'s Sister and Niece came to visit my Wife.

Sept. 6. The Earl of *Radnor*, Lord President of the Council, with his Lady and Daughters, dined at my House.

15. 5 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *post merid.* Sir *Charles Cotterell* presented me to the Prince Elector *Palatine*, in the Council-Chamber, whose Hand I kissed, and had much Discourse with him about the *Order of the Garter*, into which he was ready to be elected.

16. 2 *Hor. post merid.* I presented the said Prince with one of my Books of the *Garter*;

which he courteouſly received, and now I had much more Diſcourſe with him.

18. Sir *Charles Cotterell* told me this Morning, that one of the Prince Elector's Gentlemen came to him the Day before, to deſire me to dine with him this Day. Hereupon I attended him accordingly, and he placed me next himſelf, on his left Hand, and received me with great Reſpect; and when he roſe, took me aſide, and told me he had heard much of my Worth and Eſteem, and deſired to have a Correſpondence with me, after he returned into his Country.

Sept. 24. This Day between 11 and 12, my eſteemed good Friend Mr. *John Staniesby* of *Clements-Inn* died: He fell ſick at *Northampton* the 17*th* inſtant between 11 and 12 of the Clock, as he was coming towards *London*, from his native Country, *Derbyſhire*. He was buried the 26*th* of *September* at Night, in a Vault, in St. *Clement Danes* Church, under the Seats belonging to the Gentlemen of *Clements-Inn*. He gave me this Legacy by his Will, *viz.* *ITEM, I give to my honoured Friend* Elias Aſhmole, *Eſq; and his Wife, each of them a Ring of Twenty Shillings value, and likewiſe what Books in my Study he ſhall pleaſe to make Choice of (many of them being his noble Gift to me after I had loſt many of my own by the Fire at my Chamber).*

The Prince Elector *Palatine*, at his Departure, on *September* 18. put a Medal of Gold into Sir *Charles Cotterell's* Hands, which had his Father's Picture on the one ſide, and an Eſcotcheon of his

his Arms on the other, supported by a Lyon; and bad him to deliver it to me, and to assure me, that when he came home, he would also send me one of his own.

27. This Day, Sir *Charles Cotterell* sent me the Medal.

November 4. Mr. *Bartholomew* sealed me a new Lease of my House, &c. in *South Lambeth*.

16. I received from the Hands of Sir *Robert Southwell*, lately return'd from *Berlin*, a gold Chain with a Medal, from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*: It is composed of 90 Links of Philagreen Links in great Knobs, most curious Work. Upon the one Side is the Elector's Effigie, on the other, the View of *Stralsund*, and made upon the Rendition of that City into his Hands. It weighs 22 Ounces.

29. I waited on the King, and acquainted him with the Honour the Elector had done me, and shewed him the Chain. He liked it well, and commended the Workmanship.

1681, *Feb.* 9. Mr. *William Chiffinch*, Closet-Keeper to the King, dined at my House, and then told me that his Nephew *Thomas Chiffinch* (Son to *Thomas Chiffinch*, my most worthy Friend) died the Week before.

March 15. Between 9 and 10 *ante merid.* Mr. *Butler*, the Minister and Astrologian, brought me acquainted with Sir *Edward Deering*, Brother to Sir *Edward Deering*, now one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Apr. 5. Having been very lame in the Hollow of my right Foot, most part of the Winter (occasioned,

casioned as I suppose, by applying Poultesses to my Gout, which relaxed my Tendons) this Evening my Pains were so encreased I could scarce go, and put me into so great a Heat, that I became very feverish, and my Urine pricked me sore as it came from me.

6. I took my usual Sweat, which made me well, and strengthened my Tendons, so that the next Day I went to *London*, and walked much up and down the Streets, without any Pain, at Night I became hot, and slept ill.

9. 11 *Hor.* 45. Minutes *post merid.* I fell into a cold Fit of an Ague, which, with the hot Fit, held me seven Hours.

11. I took, early in the Morning, a good Dose of *Elixir*, and hung Three Spiders about my Neck, and they drove my Ague away——*Deo gratias.*

14. Dr. *Gunning*, Bishop of *Ely*, came this Afternoon to visit me at my House, and staid in my Study till Night.

May 19. My worthy Friend and my Neighbour, both at the *Temple*, and in the Country, *Thomas Sidersin*, Esq; died, near *Epsom*, about 4 *Hor. post merid.*

24. Mr. *Sidersin* was buried in *Lambeth* Church.

25. At the End of Dinner Mr. *Lilly's* left Side of his Mouth was drawn aside, but recovered again.

30. This Evening the dead Palsey seized on the left Side of my old Friend Mr. *William Lilly*, Astrologer.

June 2. Mr. *Lilly* took a Vomit, at Night he took his Bed.

4. I went to visit him, but found him beyond Hope.

9. 3 *Hor. ante merid.* Mr. *Lilly* died.

10. 8 *Hor. post merid.* He was buried in the Chancel of *Walton* Church.

12. I bought Mr. *Lilly*'s Library of Books of his Widow for 50 *l.*

17. I sold one of my Chambers at the *Temple* to Mr. ——— *Holt*, for 138 *l.* and in this Evening he was admitted.

17. This Day my God-Daughter —— the only Child of my Neighbour *Thomas Siderfin*, Esq; died.

July 1. Mr. *Sawbridge* the Stationer, an old Friend of Mr. *Lilly*'s and mine, died.

6. Mr. *Sawbridge* was buried in the middle Ile of St. *Bridget* Church in *Fleet-street*.

This Day my Wife went towards *Blyth-Hall*, with Sir *William Dugdale*, her Father, to visit her Mother.

Aug. 12. Sir *George Wharton* died at *Enfield* between One and Two in the Morning.

18. My Wife returned from *Blyth-Hall*.

25. Sir *George Wharton* was buried in the *Tower*.

Sept. 19. My Wife miscarried, having gone about 3 Months.

October 1. I took purging Physick.

2. I took my Sweat for Prevention of the Gout.

4. About 8 *Hor. ante merid.* I fell sick of the Cholick, which held me with sharp Pains, especially on my right Side for 24 *Hor.* and then I was presently eased, by applying Bay-Salt and Bran, heated in a Frying-Pan; but before nothing else could ease me.

24. Mr. *Thomas Flatman* came to my House to visit me.

Nov. 1. Mrs. *Lilly* came to my House, and stayed a Week.

4. About 9 *Hor. ante merid.* I sealed an Assignment of my Judgment of 1200 *l.* formerly given me by Sir *Robert Thomas*, and about an Hour after, received from Sir *Robert Clayton* 800 *l.* a Composition, agreed on with Sir *Robert Thomas*, out of which I gave him 70 *l.*

Dec. 18. (*t*) About 4 *post merid.* my dear Mother-in-Law, the Lady *Dugdale*, died.

21. She was buried in a Sepulcher made in the Chancel of *Shustock* Church, by Sir *William Dugdale*, for himself and her.

1682, *Mar.* 10. About 5 *Hor. post merid.* I received a Summons, to appear at a Lodge to be held the next Day at *Masons Hall* in *London*.

11. Accordingly I went, and about Noon were admitted into the Fellowship of Free-Masons, by Sir *William Wilson*, Knight; Captain *Richard Borthwick*, Mr. *William Wodman*, Mr. *William Grey*, Mr. *Samuel Taylour*, and Mr. *William Wise*.

I was the *Senior* Fellow among them (it be-

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ing 35 Years since I was admitted) there was present besides my self the Fellows after named, Mr. *Thomas Wise*, Master of the *Masons-Company* this present Year; Mr. *Thomas Shorthose*, Mr. *Thomas Shadbolt*, —— *Wildsford*, Esq; Mr. *Nicholas Young*, Mr. *John Shorthose*, Mr. *William Hamon*, Mr. *John Thompson*, and Mr. *William Stanton*. We all dined at the *Half-Moon-Tavern* in *Cheapside*, at a noble Dinner prepared at the Charge of the new accepted *Masons*.

Apr. 1. My Wife fell ill of a Rheumatism; it began in her left Ancle, then into her left Knee and right Toe.

18. Sir *Charles Cotterell* carried me to the *Morocco* Embassador.

Alcade, *Abtellar*, and *Bonnemore* came to my House, and dined with me.

May 17. *George Smaldridge* was elected out of *Westminster-School* to go to *Christ-Church* in *Oxford*.

20. The Marquis of *Worcester* and Earl of *Aylesbury*, with their eldest Sons, gave me a Visit at my House this Afternoon.

22. This Night, scratching the right Side of my Buttocks, above the Fundament, thence proceeded a violent sharp Humour.

25. I applied Poultesses thereunto (and now was not able to sit or lie upon my Bed) it was made of white Bread-Crums, Oil of Roses and Rose-Leaves.

28. The Poultesses having well drawn the Humour out, I applied *Unguentum Nutritum* to it.

June 4. Being hard bound in my Body I was Five Hours before I could go to Stool, and suffered much Torment.

9. I.

9. I purged with Pills.

13. I went abroad again, Thanks be to God.

17. *Bombazine* dined with me, and gave me several excellent Receipts.

July 5. The *Morocco* Embaſſadour dined at my Houſe.

13. The Aſtrologer's Feaſt was reſtored by Mr. *Moxon*.

16. The Lord *Lanſdown*, and Sir *William Howard* gave me a kind Viſit at my Houſe.

20. The *Morocco* Embaſſadour made ready to go away, but the *Alcade* ſlipt out of his Lodgings, and hindered his Journey.

21. The *Alcade* was taken.

22. This Morning I gave the *Morocco* Embaſſadour a large magnifying Glaſs. In the Afternoon the *Alcade* returned to the Embaſſadour's Lodgings.

23. About 3 in the Morning the Embaſſadour went away.

Aug. 16. I went towards *Oxford*, to ſee the Building prepared to receive my Rarities, where I arrived about 7 of the Clock in the Evening.

17. Between 8 and 9. I firſt ſaw the ſaid Building. I was invited by the Vice-Chancellor, and dined with him at *Queen's-College*.

22. 6 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *poſt merid.* I arrived back at my Houſe.

Oct. 23. My Lord Chancellour *Finch* ſent for me to cure him of his Rheumatiſm. I dined there, but would not undertake the Cure.

1683. *Jan.* 23. I took a great Cold, going by Water, and kept my Chamber Three Days.

29. The Aſtrologers Feaſt was held at the Three *Cranes* in *Chancery-Lane*, Sir *Edward Deering* and the Town-Clerk of *London* were Stewards.

Feb. 2. My Picture (after ſent to *Oxford*) came home 3 *Hor. poſt merid.* I acquainted Mr. *Woolrich*, in part, with the Secret of raiſing Flowers from a Virgin-Earth.

15. I began to put up my Rarities in Caſes to ſend to *Oxford*.

Mar. 7. I took purging Pills, which wrought very well.

10. The Gout fell into my left great Toe this Morning.

14. The laſt Load of my Rarities were ſent to the Barge, and this Afternoon I relapſed into the Gout.

21. The Gout fell into my right great Toe.

Apr. 8. Major *Huntington* came to my Houſe, to viſit me.

10. I took my Pills, and purged very well.

11. The Pains in my Feet returned.

24. Mr. *Anthony Bowyer*, and his Lady, came to viſit me and my Wife.

25. I went firſt abroad, after ſo long Confinement, by Reaſon of my Gout.

26. Dr. *Smallwood*, Dean of *Litchfield*, died.

Aug. 6. The Surveyors of the High-Ways began to raiſe the Cauſey at *Horſhead-Still*.

9. They finiſhed their Work, all at my Charge.

Sept. 5. I took Pills.

6. I

6. I took a Sweat.

7. I took Leeches, all wrought very well.

17. Monsieur *Job Ludolph* came to visit me.

23. I first saw Dr. *Lister*, at my Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*'s at Dinner.

24. The Prince Elector of the *Rhine*'s Secretary dined with me. As also a Nobleman of that Country, a Son of a Patrician of *Nurembergh*, and Dr. *Lister*.

26. A Stitch took me at the setting on of my left Hip.

28. I was very much troubled with it.

Oct. 8. Monsieur *Ludolph*, and his Son, dined with me.

10. I gave Mr. *Heyseg* a Book of the *Garter*, my Wife gave him Three gold Buckles.

16. The Commissioners of the Excise dined with me.

30. I took leave of Monsieur *Ludolph*, and his Son, who were returning into *Germany*.

Nov. Monsieur *Ludolph* went from *London*.

Dec. 7. A Boil began under my Chin.

26. 6 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I had a long Fit of a Vertigo.

1684. *Feb.* 4. Mr. *Jean Schielderas*, the Bishop of *Bergen*'s Son, and Mr. *Godfreed Rose*, a *Prussian*, visited me.

Mar. 5. 11 *Hor. ante merid.* a green Staff was sent me by the Steward of St. *Thomas*'s Hospital, with a Signification that I was chosen one of the Governours.

Apr. 6. Major *Huntingdon* dined with me.

8. There was an Installation of *George*, Prince of *Denmark*.

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21. Major *Huntingdon* died, and this Day Mr. *Thomas Henshaw*, Dr. *Rogers*, Dr. *More*, and Dr. *Bernard* dined at my House.

30. Major *Huntingdon* was buried at St. *Botolph Aldersgate* Church.

May 5. 2 *Hor. post merid.* I laid the Foundation of my new Stable.

14. I took a Sweat.

19. Sir *Thomas Walcot* came to visit me.

June 27. I bruised my left great Toe.

July 18. 10 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *ante merid.* my two Coach-Horses were brought to me.

22. My Coach was brought to me.

23. I went towards *Oxford*.

28. I returned Home.

Aug. 4. Several *French* Gentlemen, and *Johannes Serenius Chodowieskey*, a *Polander*, came to visit me.

6. I rubbed the Skin near my Rump, whereupon it began to be very sore.

8. I purged.

9. I took *Leeches*.

10. I purged again.

12. I applied a Plaister to it.

15. Mr. *Agur* applied a Balsam.

17. The Sore began to break.

18. Dr. *Plott*, sent from *Oxford* to visit me, came to me.

19. I fell into a Looseness, which continued for Two Days.

24. Mr. *Agur* launched the Sore.

26. Being hard bound, I was Two Hours before I could go to Stool, and then with exceeding great Trouble.

31. I

31. I was launched again, to prevent a Fistula.

Sept. 10. By this Time the Sore near my Fundament was healed.

Oct. 20. Sir *Thomas Duppa*, and Mr. *Matthews* dined with me.

Nov. 19. Dr. *Plott* presented me with his Book *de Origine Fontium*, which he had dedicated to me.

24. My Teeth began to be loose.

Dec. 8. Mr. *Hook* brought Mr. *Bowen* of Upton in *Pembrokeshire*, to visit me.

19. Dr. *Chamberlain* proposed to me to bring Dr. *Lister* to my Wife, that he might undertake her.

22. They both came to my House, and Dr. *Lister* did undertake her.

1685. *Jan.* 24. I was much troubled with my Teeth in my upper Jaw, on my left Side, which, by Fits, continued for a Week; and then I held Pills in my Mouth, made of burned Allom, Pepper, and Tobacco, which drew much Rheum from me, and so I was eased.

Feb. 6. King *Charles* II. my gracious Master, died.

14. About 9 *post merid.* he was buried.

13. I took a violent Cold, which held me till the 5*th* of next Month.

26. I took my purging Pills.

27. I took my Sweat, both worked very well.

March 2. 5 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *post merid.* I received an obliging Letter from the Bailiffs, Justices

ſtices, &c. of *Litchfield*; to alſo from the Dean, inviting me to ſtand to be one of their Burgeſſes for Parliament. I ſent them Word that I would ſtand.

3. Whereupon they ſet about getting Votes for me, and I found the Citizens very affectionate and hearty. About a Fortnight after my Lord *Dartmouth* told me, the King would take it kindly from me, if I would give way to Mr. *Lewſon*. Upon this I applied my ſelf to my Lord Treaſurer, and deſired to know of him the King's Pleaſure, by whom I found it was the King's Deſire, and then I immediately wrote down, to acquaint my Friends that I would reſign; but they would not believe my Letter, which occaſioned me to go to the King, and let him know ſo much, who told me he did not know I ſtood, when he gave Mr. *Lewſon* Encouragement to go down, for if he had, he would not have done it; I told him I was all Obedience, which he took very kindly. I then wrote down again, to aſſure them I would ſit down, and ſo Mr. *Lewſon*, with the Aſſiſtance of my Votes, carried it at the Day of Election.

Apr. 11. *Hor. poſt merid.* I firſt became acquainted with Mr. *Negot*, Secretary to the Duke of *Norfolk*.

27. Mr. ____ of *Nuremberg*, and a *French* Gentleman, which Mr. *Labadie* brought along with him, dined with me.

May 1. Judge *Walcot*, and Mr. *Cook*, the Prothonotary dined with me.

4. Monsieur *Gembrin*, Envoy extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and his Lady, and Monsieur *Beyer*, his Agent here, with Sir *Charles Cotterell*, his Lady, and Son, dined with me.

5. The Duke of *Norfolk* invited me to dine with him the next Day, which I did, and was well received.

13. I took my purging Pills.

14. And my Sweat.

29. I visited Dr. *Smith*, Bishop of *Carlile*, who was of my ancient Acquaintance at *Oxford*.

31. This Night again a Pain (in my Sleep) took me in my middle Toe of my right Foot, which removed to my Ancle, and after Three Days went away.

June 2. A Pain took the uppermost Tooth but one, on the right side of my uppermost Jaw.

4. My said Tooth sunk so low, I could not chew.

9. A Boil rose in the left Side of my Throat.

17. This Evening I had a grievous Fit of the Tooth-Ach.

July 9. The Countess of *Clarendon*, Bishop of St. *Asaph*, Mr. *Henshaw*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Dr. *Tenison*, and Mr. *Fraser* supped at my House.

11. The Earl of *Radnor* fell sick about Noon.

17. 1 *Hor. post merid.* The Earl of *Radnor* died.

20. Dr. *Ridgley* (my old Acquaintance) gave me a Visit.

21. I went to *Windsor*, to the Installation of the Duke of *Norfolk*, Earl of *Peterborough*, and Lord Treasurer.

25. The Earl of *Radnor's* Body was carried into *Cornwall*.

Aug. 4. I and my Wife went to Mr. *Napiers* at *Brookhill*.

5. We went to Mr. *Hutchinsons* at *Delroe*.

8. We returned Home.

10. A Boil began to appear in my right Groin.

13. This Night my Boil broke.

15. Another appeared a little higher, but it died.

24. I went to *Windsor*, to the Installation of the Earl of *Feversham*.

Sept 5. Passing upon the *Thames*, I took a great Cold.

9. I took a Purge.

10. I took a Sweat.

Oct. 13. I took my Sweat.

28. The Earl of *Peterborough* shewed me his rare Collection of Gemms and antient Rings.

30. I became acquainted with Mr. *Cary*, who came lately from *Berlin*, he told me his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburgh* did often speak, with a great deal of Honour, of me, and designed to have my Book of the *Garter* translated into *Dutch*.

Nov. 10. This Morning I had some Discourse with Mr. *Gerard*, about purchasing Mr. *Plommers* Farm.

16. Mr. Dean of *Windsor*, and Dr. *Chamberlain* the Civilian, brought Sir *John Faulconer* of *Scotland*, to dine with me; I found him a very ingenious Gentleman, well read in his own Country Antiquities and Coins.

Dec. 3. I first sat upon the Commissioners of Sewers, it being opened this Morning, and my self named therein; but nothing further was done at this sitting.

14. Sir *John Faulconer* dined with me, and I gave him divers of my *English* Coins.

16. I waited on the Earl of *Clarendon*, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*; as far as *St. Albans* in his Journey thither. The jolting of the Coach, which drove very hard, raised a Swelling in my left Breech.

1686. *Jan.* 9. Mr. *Cook*, my Neighbour at *South-Lambeth*, having lately set up a pale along his Garden, and encroached upon the Church-Way about Two Foot, I undertook to complain of it, and this Day Mr. *Cooper*, his Landlord, and my self, upon a Debate on the Matter agreed (by his Consent) to set it back a Foot and an Half, which was done accordingly.

20. The Commissioners of Sewers met, and I (with some others of the Commissioners) took my Oath.

Feb. 1. Sir *John Faulconer*, a *Scotch* Gentleman, died.

4. He was buried this Night in the Church of St. *Margaret Westminster*.

10. This Morning I dreamed, that being at my old House in *Sheere-Lane*, the Side of the Gar-

Garrat ſeemed to totter and fall, inſomuch that I thought the Houſe it ſelf would preſently fall down.

This Afternoon, about One of the Clock, my Wife's Father, Sir *William Dugdale*, died.

14. I moved the Duke of *Norfolk*, on my Brother *Dugdale*'s Behalf, that he would move the King, that he might ſucceed him, which he promiſed to do, (but I found him more inclinable to prefer Sir *Thomas St. George*) In his Diſcourſe he told me, no Man was fitter for the Place than my ſelf, if I would accept of it; but I made the ſame Excuſe to him; as I did to his Father, after the Death of Sir *Edward Walker*.

19. The Duke of *Norfolk* propoſed to me, to give my Brother *Dugdale* the Place of *Norroy*, and the next Day gave him Aſſurance of it.

March 26. This Night I piſt ſo much, that I feared a Diabetes, notwithſtanding I had kept my ſelf very temperate all the Spring-time.

27. This Morning I grew ill and very hot, and was troubled with a Sharpneſs of Urine. I took Syrrup of White Lillies in Poſſet-drink, and the next Day an Emulſion of the four cooling Seeds, (this kept me temperate) with Water of Violets and Wood-Bine, to waſh my Mouth, and giving my ſelf Reſt and Eaſe, I thank God, I recovered in a few Days.

Apr. 5. I took my Sweat.

May 6. My Wife took Dr. *Nagel*'s Tincture.

17. I first dined at St. *Thomas's* Hospital, the general Court being held there this Day.

20. 11 *Hor.* 15 Minutes *ante merid.* I first sat upon the Commission for Charitable Uses.

23. Dr. *Plot* presented me with his Natural History of *Staffordshire*.

26. Mr. *Plummer* sealeth his Part of the Conveyance of the Farm to me, and his Wife acknowledged a Fine before the Chief Justice of the *Common Pleas*.

July 10. This Morning early the Fang-Tooth in the right Side of my upper Jaw fell out.

13. I began to repair my Barn at *South-Lambeth* for Goodman *Ingram*.

25. I took my Sweat.

Aug. 2. I and my Wife went to *Brockhill* to Mr. *Napiers*.

7. We went to *Delroe* to Mr. *Hutchinsons*.

9. We returned to *South-Lambeth*.

13. The Gout fell into my left great Toe: I applied Leeches.

28. I applied black Snails to my right Foot, they being bruised; but they blistered and poysoned the Top of my Foot, and after several Breakings out, it was healed towards the middle of *October*.

Sept. 8. I took my usual Sweat.

23. 5 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *post merid.* I agreed upon Conditions with Goodman *Ingram*, to make him a Lease of the Farm I bought of Mr. *Plummer*, except the Oat-Field.

29. Sir *Philip Floyd* (who had the Reversion of my Office in the Excise) died.

Oct.

Oct. 7. I waited upon the King, upon his Return to Town from *Windsor*, who was pleased to receive me with much Kindness.

12. I took a great Cold in my Neck, which held me Six Days.

25. 6 *Hor.* 45 *post merid.* I sealed the Lease to *John Ingram*.

26. The running Gout seized on my Wife's right Instep. It continued shifting into her Arms and Knees with great Torment till after *Easter*, and then she began to set her Feet on the Ground, yet was not able to go abroad till towards *Midsummer*.

29. I received a Letter from Sir *Henry Chauncey*, Treasurer of the *Temple*, to invite me to the Bench, but I wrote him an Excuse; and next Day gave him Reasons for my Refusal.

Dec. 7. The Commissioners of Excise moved the Lord Treasurer, shewing the Necessity of my having another Clerk, and obtained 80*l.* *per Ann.* Salary for him.

23. 10 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *ante merid.* I received my Order from the Lord Treasurer, for a new Clerk, with 80*l.* *per Ann.* Salary.

23. This Day my Nephew *Dugdale* (Sir *John Dugdale*'s Son) was married.

1687. *Jan.* 5. The Earl of *Rochester* surrendered his Staff.

6. About 6 *post merid.* the Commission for the Lord Commissioners was opened and read.

8. This Morning the Commissioners of Excise, and my self, waited on the new Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

15. The Gout fell into my right Hand, which disabled me from using my Pen for above a Quarter of a Year.

16. I took my Sweat.

17, 18, 19. I was much troubled with the Wind-Cholick.

24. I applied Leeches to my right Hand.

27. The Swelling of my Hand abated.

28. There were two Tides this Morning.

Feb. 8. This Afternoon the Gout swelled my Hand again, and the Night passed with great Torment.

4. This Night my Hand did most grievously pain me.

March 3. This Afternoon I and my Wife were both suddenly struck with a Cold and Hoarseness.

I felt the Effects of this Hoarseness, in the back Part of my Throat, for a long Time after.

22. 2 *Hor.* 30 Minutes *post merid.* An Issue was made in my left Arm.

Apr. 16. My Wife took Mr. *Bigg*'s Vomit, which wrought very well.

19. She took *Pulvis Sanctus* in the Afternoon, she took cold.

N. B. That both were too strong Physick for her.

21. My Wife fell very ill, and into a great Weakness.

26. I purged with my usual Pills.

27. I took my usual Sweat.

Towards the End of this Month my Wife began to mend, but not fully recover till a Fortnight after.

July

July 16. This Morning I received a Parcel of Books from *J. W. Irnhoff* of *Nuremberg*, among which was his *Excellentium Familiarum in Gallia Genealogia.*

Aug. 21. Sir *John Chardin*, and Mr. *Bever*, came to *South-Lambeth*, to viſit me.

Sept. 14, 10. *Hor.* 40 Minutes *ante merid.* I ſet for a ſecond Picture to Mr. *Ryley.*

Oct. 5. 11. *Hor.* 7 Minutes *ante merid.* the Earl Marſhal's-Court firſt ſat in the Painted-Chamber at *Weſtminſter.*

7. Dr. *Plot* came to me at my Office, and told me, that the Earl Marſhal had choſen him Regiſter of the Court.

8. 10 *Hor. ante merid.* I went firſt to the Earl Marſhal's-Court, and when his Lordſhip roſe, he invited me to dine with him, which I did.

9. I took my uſual Sweat. (*a*)

WHAT remains further, I ſhall give you in the Words of Mr. *John Aubrey*, F. R. S. who in his deſigned *Survey of the County of Surry*, (repoſited in the *Aſhmolean Muſeum* at *Oxford*) towards the Beginning has theſe Words —— " And now I am come as a " a Mourner to perform my laſt Office at the " Grave of my worthy Friend *Elias Aſhmole*, Eſq; " whoſe Body lieth buried in the *South* Ile (of " the Church of *South-Lambeth*) at the *Eaſt* End, " on the *North* Side of it, under a black Mar- " ble, with this Inſcription.

Hic

(*a*) *Here ends Mr.* Aſhmole's *M. S.*

Hic jacet Inclytus Ille & Eruditiſſimus
ELIAS ASHMOLE Leichfeldenſis Armiger,
inter alia in Republica Munera,
Tributi in Cerviſias Contra Rotulator,
Facialis autem Windſorienſis *titulo*
per annos plurimos dignatus,
Qui poſt duo connubia in Uxorem duxit tertiam
Elizabetham *GULIELMI DUGDALE*
Militis, Garteri, Principalis Regis Armorum filiam;
Mortem obiit 18 *Maii,* 1692. *anno ætatis* 76.
Sed durante Muſeo ASHMOLEANO, Oxon.
nunquam moriturus.

Near it, is an Atchievement ſet up for the ſame Perſon, whereon is the following Coat of Arms, *viz.* Quarterly *Sable* and *Or*, the firſt Quarter on a *Fleur de lis*; of the ſecond: *Aſhmole*, impaling *Dugdale*, viz. *Argent*, a Croſs malines *Gules*, and a Torteaux with this Motto — *Ex una omnia* ——.

Over the Entrance to the Muſæum, fronting the Street is the following Inſcription in Capital Letters:

Muſæum Aſhmoleanum, Schola Naturalis Hiſtoriæ, Officina Chymica.

Over

Over the Door of Mr. *Ashmole's* Library, at the Top of the Stairs, is the following Inscription, in Letters of Gold, viz.

Libri Impressi & Manuscripti e donis Clarissimorum D. Elias Ashmole & Martini Lister quibus non paucos addidit Vir industrias nec infime de Re Antiquariâ Promeritus D. Johannes Aubrey de Easton Peirce *apud* Wiltonienses *Arm. & Soc. Reg. Lotim.*

APPENDIX

Of Original Letters sent to, and from Mr. Aſhmole.

A Letter of Thanks from the Corporation of Litchfeld, *upon the Receipt of a Silver Bowl Preſented to them by Mr.* Aſhmole.

For the truly Honoured *Elias Aſhmole*, Eſq; at his Chamber in the *Middle Temple*, over Serjeant *Maynard's* Chamber. In his Abſence, to be left with the Butler, or Porter of the *Middle-Temple*, *London*.

Honoured Sir,

UPon Thurſday, being the 17th Day of this Inſtant *January* (a Day ever to be *Rubrical* amongſt our City Remembrances) we received your *Tina Argentea*, your munificent Silver Bowl, cloathed

cloathed in its Delivery, with all those Rich Circumstances of Advantage, that could possibly either enable the Gift to bespeak the Goodness and Prudence of the Giver, or invite the fairest Acceptation in the Receiver. For if we consider the Person from whom: It is the Gift of an *Elias*, a Herald, not only Proclaiming, but actually Contributing good Things to our City; and that by the Hands of a *Zacharias*, a faithful Messenger, who with the Gift, did emphatically communicate the Sense and good Affection of the Giver. And if we consider the time it was Presented; It was the Day of our *Epiphany* Sessions of the Peace for this City, where our Bailiffs, High-Steward, Sheriff, Grand Jury, and the rest of the Body Politick of this Antient and Loyal Corporation, together with other Persons of Quality, both of the Clergy and Laity were convened together, and so became present at this great Offering: As if some propitious Stars arising in the East, had (at this time) gone before our *Magus*, steering its Course to this our City of *Litchfeld* (the *Sarepta* of our *Elias*) and stood over the New-Erected Pyramids of our Cathedral (where as yet a Star appears) darting its benign Influence upon this Poor and Loyal City, inviting the *Magi* from afar, to offer some Tribute to it: A City that hath nothing to glory in, but its Antient and Modern Loyalty to God and *Cæsar*, evidenced by her antient Bearing in the City Escotcheon (three Knights martyred) as antient, as the Days of *Diocletian*, and her

Name ſignifying a Field of Blood then ſpilt, to which may be well added her Modern and unparallelled Loyalty to that Bleſſed Saint (now in Heaven) King *Charles* the Martyr; Univerſally witneſſed by thoſe honourable Marks, Eraces, and Wounds of Loyalty, ſhe yet bears upon her Perſons, Temples, Streets, and Walls; (Trophies of Honour) ſufficiently blazing to the World the true Heraldry of her ancient Arms; nor have you only given us this great *Cratera* (upon which you have wiſely impreſt our City-Arms) to ſolace the beſt of the City, after their Time of Suffering, but like one of thoſe true *Magi*, that offered to Chriſt in his pooreſt Condition, you have largely offered to the Repair of his Church, our ruined Cathedral, which, by the unwearied Labour, Prudence, Piety, and Charity of our good (*a*) Biſhop, a ſecond *Cedda*, and the Charity of your ſelf, and others, happily depoſited in his Hands, is (almoſt to a Miracle) ſo well and ſo ſoon reſtored again. But you have likewiſe Annually and liberally offered, relieved, and refreſhed Chriſt in his Members, the Poor of our City. And as if you intended piouſly to ingroſs and cover all our Neceſſities, under that warm and nouriſhing Mantle of *Elias*, we have received Intimation of your Promiſes of greater Good intended this great City. Now, Sir, give us Leave to conclude (having been already too tedious) by informing you that, according to your Deſire, (upon the firſt Re-

(*a*) *Dr.* Hacket.

Receipt of your *Poculum Charitatis*, at the Sign of the *George* for *England*) we filled it with Catholick Wine, and devoted it a ſober Health to our moſt gracious King, which (being of ſo large a Continent, paſt the Hands of Thirty to pledge; nor did we forget your ſelf in the next Place, being our great *Mæcænas*; aſſuring you that (God willing) we ſhall take Courſe that this great *Tina Argentea* ſhall, with our City-Mace, and other publick Enſigns of Dignity and Authority, be carefully tranſmitted, by Indenture, from Bailiffs to Bailiffs, in a continual Succeſſion, ſo long as this ancient and loyal Corporation through the Favour of Princes (which we hope, we ſhall never forfeit) ſhall have a Charter to give it Life and Being. For which End your many other multiplied Favours to this poor City, We, the preſent Bailiffs of this City, do, in the Name (and by the Deſire) of our whole Company, return you moſt hearty Thanks, ſubſcribing our ſelves what we truly are,

SIR,

Your obliged faithful Friends,

Litchfeld, 26. Jan. 1666. *To ſerve you*,

John Barnes,
Hen. Baker.

A Preface to the Catalogue of Archbiſhop Laud's *Medals, drawn up by Mr.* Aſhmole, *and preſerved in the publick Library at* Oxford, *and referred to in Page* 41 *of this Work.*

Lectori Benevolo, εὐπραξίαν καὶ εὐδαιμονίαν.

CUM Oxoniam (*Britannici* lumen orbis principium, grandeque decus) commentandi gratia annos aliquot ante, me contuliſſem, Collegio *Reginenſi* Præpoſiti (tunc temporis autem in inclytâ hac Univerſitate, Proto Bibliothecarii *Bodleiani*) Doctoris *Barlow* poſtulatio, imo & expoſtulatio me non mediocriter afficere.

Querebatur enim eximiæ doctrinæ Vir, inter Academicos, (temporibus difficillimis illis quidem, & tyrannide *Cromwelliana* invaleſcente, duriſſimis) paucos tum ſupereſſet plurimis, artis & naturæ dotibus ſuſpiciendis, Oſtraciſmo etiamnum pulſis, aut (nec vanus timor) propediem pellendis) qui ad rei Antiquariæ ſtudium & veterum Numiſmatum cognitionem, quibus tamen affatim illic abundent Archiva, (paupertate & nova tyrannide preſſi) adjeciſſent animum. Supra laudati *Doctoris*, inquam, rogatu, conqueſtuque, hoc ultro mihimet (ut brevem illorum deſcriptionem exhiberem) penſum impoſui: Tum ad novitios & in rei Nummariæ ſcientia parum

parum exercitatos, melius informandos, tum ad eorum Genium excitandum, qui ad tantum, tam proficuum, tam dignum, tam honorificum, tam denique necessarium erudito viro studium aspirare niterentur.

Hoc igitur sic mihi propositum sponteque susceptum (arduum illud quidem, & laboriosæ plenum opus aleæ pensum) lætus aggredior, indies factione *Cromwelliana*, non sine damno publico ingravescente, & paulo post Britanniæ παλιγγενεσίαν & sacræ Regiæ Majestatis (auspicato & quasi postliminio) reditum, σὺνθεῶ ad finem perduxi. Sed cum hujus exscriptum, manu propria cuperem exarare, ut ingenue fatear, mihi fuit ἀδύνατον ante hunc diem illud absolvere, cum negotiorum (quæ me continuo circumvallat) turba, modicum mihi subinde spatium, ad aliquid per intervalla & quasi furtim nonnunquam ex eo transcribendum permiserit. Verum antequam huic Operi considerando te Lector accingas, de nonnullis, & ad promptiorem ejus diligentiam, & ad faciliorem ejusdem usum, te monitum cupio.

Atque ut aggrediar, totum opus de antiquis Numismatis quibus *Oxoniæ* ditescunt Archiva, in tria dividitur Volumina. Primum est *Consularium Nummorum*, aliquosque *Illustrium Romæ Familiarum*, reliqua duo *Imperatoria Numismata* continent.

Huc accedit, quod Monetam Consulum Alphabetico locarim ordine potius, quam illam in annorum Consulatus cujusque seriem redigerim: Multi etenim Consulares Nummi, nequa-

quam ab iis, quibus assimilantur, excusi sunt. Sed ab illis Triumviris Monetalibus *Augusti* regno, qui vellent ista ratione, vel quod forsan ab ipsis ducerent originem, ut præclaras illorum actiones aliquot exciperet, actueretur æternitas. Quod autem attinet ad *Imperiales* Numnos (qui hic incipiunt à *Julio Cæsare*, atque cum *Heraclio* desinunt) hi ad eos perfecte referuntur annos, in quibus conflati, procusique fuere; cum relatione tamen ad tempus vel præcedens, vel subsequens Incarnationem *Christi* Salvatoris nostri, quod characteribus istis expressi, A. C. hoc est, ante Incarnationem *Christi*, & J. C. id est, ab Incarnatione *Christi*. Qui characteres notantur in capite cujuslibet paginæ, paucis exceptis, qui sufficiens ad hoc, ut ad manifestam sui temporis cognitionem deducere me queant, lumen desiderare videntur. Atque istos quidem sub *Imperatoris* cujusque regni finem, Anno ante eosdem in margine nullo designato, collocare, quam eosdem, cæteros inter intrudere certa fine ratione, satius elegi. Idemque circa *Imperatrices* omnes, eandemque ob rationem, a me præstitum est.

Præterea, ut ex quo genere metalli, quodlibet ex dictis Numismatis cusum est, constare possit; metalla per has sequentes distinxi notas AV. enim denotat *aurum*, AR. indicat *argentum*, Æ, denique significat *Æs*.

Porro cum Ænei Nummi diversæ magnitudinis existant; ad triplicem præsertim (qua dignoscantur) juxta numericas figuras (1.) (2.) & (3.) characteribus illorum præfixas (exceptis parvulis valdeque minutis aliquot, qui peculiariter

ariter pro talibus exhibentur) ad triplicem, inquam, præcipue magnitudinem, revocari poſſunt.

Adde ſuperioribus, quod ubi quempiam argenteum Nummum, formam habentem ſecundæ magnitudinis æreorum invenio, quod ut duxerat ab ordinario diſtinguatur Denario, figuram illi (2.) ſoleam adjungere.

Hanc, hoc geminato voto, præfatiunculam claudere mihi eſt animus, D. O. M. enixe deprecatus, tum ut generoſorum hâc in parte Benefactorum numerum adaugeat: Tum ut eos qui priſca Numiſmata celeberrimum hoc in Ærarium conferunt, novis, quibus ſuam ſublevent inopiam, Numiſmatis, nunquam egere patiatur.

Pene omiſeram quemlibet poſt annum, hic a me de induſtria relictum eſſe ſpatium, ut quid à novo dictum ad Theſaurum, antiqui ferentur Nummi, ad hunc quoque Catalogum, pari (quo ſuperiores) modo, referri valeant.

Scriptum in meo Medio Templi Mu-ſeo, decimo Calendas Junias, Anno Jul. 1666.

E. Aſhmole.

A Copy of a Letter from Doctor Barlow *to Mr.* Aſhmole, *on his Preſent of his Books, deſcribing Archbiſhop* Laud's *Cabinet of Medals.*

For my Honoured Friend *Elias Aſhmole*, Eſq; at his Chamber in the *Middle Temple*, theſe; *London.*

My dear Friend,

IT is a good while ſince I received your excellent Preſent to our Univerſity-Library, and, 'ere this, told you ſo; and returned our many and hearty Thanks, had I not been ſuddenly and unexpectedly called away to *Worceſter*, whence I am now returned. At the Viſitation of *Bodlyes* Library (when the Vice-Chancellor and all the Curators were met) I preſented your Books to the Vice-Chancellor, and the reſt, in your Name, as a Teſtimony of your Kindneſs and Love to Learning and our Univerſity; as alſo of your Ability to enrich *Bodlyes* Library with your own Works: Any Man who has a Mind to it, and Money, may give us good Books of other Mens making, but very

very few of their own; *pauci quos æquus amavit Jupiter.* Some more generous and ingenuous Souls, a *Selden*, a *Dugdale*, or an *Ashmole* may do this, none else. The Vice-Chancellor and the Curators were exceeding well-satisfied with, and very thankful for your great Charity and Munificence to the Publick. Care is taken, that your Name and Gift be recorded in our Register, (*a*) to your deserved Honour, and the Incouragement of others; by your good Example, if not to an Equal, yet to a like Liberality. And sure I am, it will be an Honour to you, and a Comfort to your Friends, when they shall find in our Register, that you have been so great a Benefactor to *Bodlyes* Library. My Love and Respects to your self and my honest Friend Mr. *Dugdale*. God Almighty bless you both, And,

SIR,

Your affectionate Friend,

Queen's College, Oxon. *Decemb.* 28. 1668.

Thomas Barlow.

For

(*a*) *P.* 41.

For *Elias Aſhmole*, Eſq; at his Houſe in *Lambeth*.

SIR,

THE Bearer hereof will need no Recommendation from me, when you ſhall underſtand, that it is Doctor *Plott*, the learned Author of the natural Hiſtory of *Oxford-ſhire*, It is upon the Reputation of your own Worth, as well as your magnificent Gift intended to the Univerſity, that he has the Ambition to be better known to you: They are (I hear) deſigning to create a Philoſophical Lecture upon Natural Things, and their Inclination to pitch upon this knowing Gentleman for that Purpoſe (whoſe Talent and Merits are ſo eminent) I am ſure, cannot miſs of your concurrent Suffrage: I am only ſorry, that the Affair, which carries me this Morning out of Town, deprives me of ſo deſired an Opportunity of kiſſing your Hand at *Lambeth*, who am, for many great Obligations,

SIR,

Your moſt Humble
And Obedient Servant,

Whitehall, 7.
Dec. 1677.

J. EVELYN.

For

For the Worſhipful and Learned *Elias Aſhmole*, Eſq; at his Houſe in *South-Lambeth*, near *London*.

Moſt worthy and learned Sir,

BEING informed by my Friend Mr. *Gadbury*, that there were ſeveral Paſſages in my Hiſtory, which did ſome way reflect on your great Worth and Learning, and alſo intimate me to be guilty of groſs Rudeneſs and Heat. I found it my Duty to make this Recantation; and ſo let you know that whatever in that Kind may occurr, I utterly repent and diſown; and am both heartily ſorry and aſhamed, that any way I ſhould prove ſo unhappily offenſive to ſo good and learned, ſo induſtrious and renowned a Gentleman, whoſe Books I am not worthy to bear after him. And, Sir, if it will pleaſe you to let me ſee a Copy of the Paſſages, as you have collected them, (which on Occaſion I promiſe to return) with your Confutations and Reaſons annexed, I do ſolemnly proteſt, that I will make a publick Recantation, or otherwiſe as you ſhall think fit; and alſo if ever King *Edward* ſees another Impreſſion, I will alter thoſe Paſſages as far as Truth and Equity ſhall acquire, ſtill proteſting in *Verbo Sacerdotis*, that I never had any but Honourable

ble and respectful Thoughts of you and Sir *William Dugdale*, (*Dii! quanta nomina*) and what I did, proceeded from a Desire of finding out the Truth, however my Frailty might betray me to an Error; *Sir*, the Honour of a Line, especially with an Intimation of your good Will, will be highly acceptable to the real Honourer of your Learning and Goodness.

Emanuel College, Camb.
Oct. 15. 1688.

Joshua Barnes.

My humble Duty to his Grace at *Lambeth*, and pray, Sir, have me recommended to my good Master Doctor *Goad* and Mr. *Gadbury*, &c.

For my worthy Friend Mr. *Joshua Barnes*, at *Emanuel-College* in *Cambridge*.

SIR,

MY present weak Indisposition has took me off from too much resenting those Reflections you have made on me in your Book

Book, * and moulded in me more peaceable Thoughts, than to be disturbed at what you have done. Your Letter makes me think there was no ill Meaning in what you did, and perhaps nothing more than an inadvertent and overhasty Humour, which the Civility of a Penny-Post Letter would have cleared and prevented. I need not trouble my self, nor you, with giving you an Account of those Passages that concern me, they are easily found out; for they carry my Name along with them. All I expect from you is, that your Acknowledgments to others (as you have Occasion) be what you have now made to me, and (if ever an Opportunity be offered) to reprint your History, then to rectifie your Copy.

I am, Sir,

Your very Humble Servant,

Octob. 23. 1688. **E. Ashmole.**

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* *The History of King* Edward *the* IIId, Fol. *wherein Mr.* Barnes *reflected on Mr.* Ashmole's Order of the Garter, *in a very gross Manner.*

A Copy of a Letter from the Chapter of the Church of Litchfield, to Mr. Ashmole, communicated from the Registers of that Cathedral.

WHatever Interest this City and Church have in your Birth and Education, hath already redounded, in so much Honour thereby, and in your continual Bounty, to both: That we have not the Confidence to back with that Topick, this our Petition for your free Gift, towards finishing the Ring of Ten Bells, instead of our former Six bad and useless ones. Nor, in Truth, have we any other Arguments, but your Charity and our Necessity; of the former, you have given us good Proof, as we acknowledge with all Thankfulness. And of the latter, we have too much, through the Misfortunes of the Work. The Deceitfulness of the Ground first making our honest Bell-Founder lose his casting the Four biggest, to the Damage of 30 *l.* and now his Error in oversizing the Eight Bells, he hath cast, so far that they have swallowed up all the Metal for the Ten; and that

requires 80*l.* more to be added to our poor Fund for the two other Bells, proportionable to that Bigneſs. But yet an Error ſo much on the better Hand, that would make extreamly for the Advantage and Glory of the Cathedral (the Bigneſs of ſuch a Ring far more befitting the Place; and theſe Eight being judged ſo very good, that all are loth to have them broken, and caſt into leſs) if poſſibly that additional Sum could be raiſed. To this Purpoſe Eſq; *Diot*, Mr. *Walmiſley*, the Sub-Chantor, and other Vicars, and Ringers are moſt induſtriouſly undertaking a new Collection, and We and ſeveral others are willing a-new to contribute, and if you will pleaſe to put to the helping Hand of your Piety and Munificence; you will add ſignally to thoſe Inſtances thereof already in our publick Catalogue of Benefactors, and will highly oblige both thoſe zealous Undertakers, and eſpecially,

SIR,

Your thankful humble Servants,

Litchfeld,
Oct. 15.
1688.

LANC. ADDISON,
HEN. GRESWOLD,
THO. BROWNE,
JO. HUTCHINSON.
CHRIS. COMYN.

FINIS.

MVSEVM
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